

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-216

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



City Northampton

Address 75 Harrison Avenue

Name C.W. Spear House

Present use residence

Present owner Richard & Patricia Martin

Description: _____

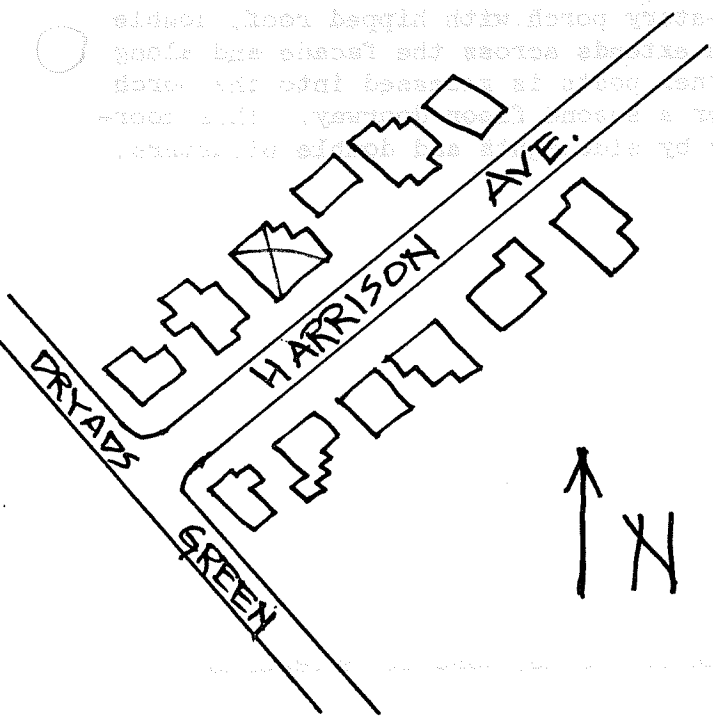
Year 1902-03

Source Spfld. Daily Republican

Style Colonial Revival

Architect _____

4. Map. Show location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered --- Date _____

Moved --- Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street
20'

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____
 Original use residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | <u>X</u> | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/ | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Humanitarian | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Community development | _____ | | | | |

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This house was built for Charles Spear in 1902-03 at a cost of \$8000. The house is possibly from designs of local architect R.F. Putnem, who designed several houses in the Colonial Revival style on Harrison Ave. around the turn-of-the-century. Mr. Spear was a clerk for McCallum's Main St. Department store.

The house is two stories in height with slate hipped roof, hipped dormers, and tall chimney stack. The five-bay facade is set off by a wide frieze and corner pilasters, and there is a one-story porch with hipped roof, double Tuscan columns on pedestals and balustrade which extends across the facade and along the eastern side. A balustrade with paneled corner posts is recessed into the porch roof above the entrance and acts as a balcony for a second floor doorway. This doorway is set off from the rest of the second story by sidelights and double pilasters.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

1895 & 1915 Atlases
 Northampton Directory: 1905, 1918 & 1922
Spfld. Daily Republican Dec. 29, 1902 and Dec 31, 1903.