

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-222

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



1 Northampton
 Address 60 Harrison Avenue
 Name J. Skinner House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Janice T. Warren
 Description:
 Date 1908
 Source Atlases and Spfld Daily Republican
 Date

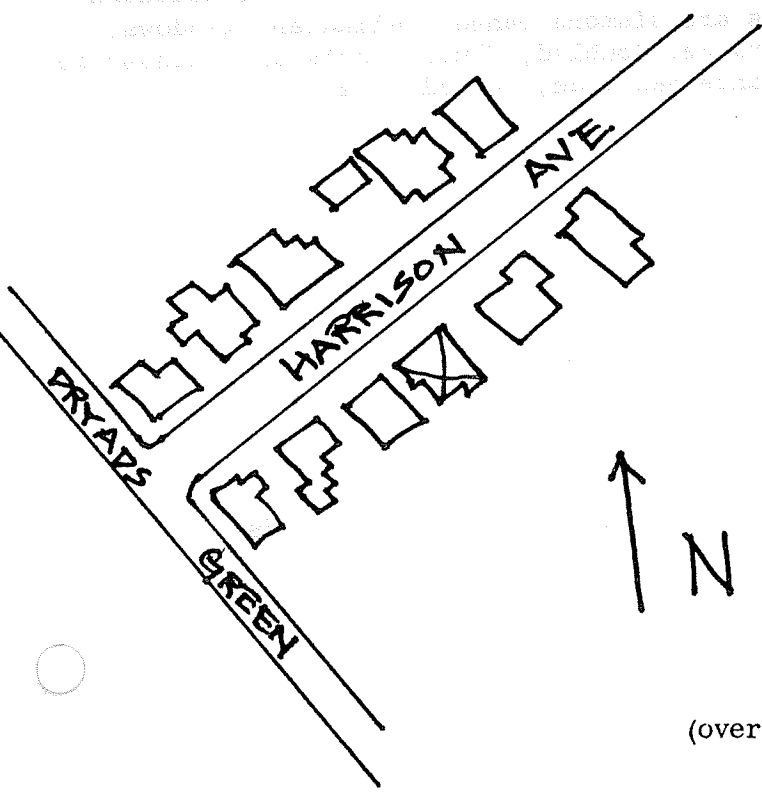
4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Architect
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard & shingle
 Outbuildings (describe)
 Other features

Altered --- Date
 Moved --- Date

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less X Over one acre
 Approximate frontage
 Approximate distance of building from street 20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
 Organization NHC
 Date March 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John Skinner

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/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | _____ | | | | |

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

This house was built in 1908 for John Skinner at a cost of \$12,000. Mr. Skinner was treasurer of the West Bolyston Mfg. Co., and Easthampton Company which manufactured cotton goods and yarn. Harrison Ave. had been opened in 1890 and quickly became one of the most "aristocratic" streets in the city. Most of the houses were built in the turn-of-the-century period and illustrate the eclecticism of this era.

The house is two stories high with high, slate, hipped roof. Projecting rafters are visible under the slightly flared roof. Two-story bay windows capped by projecting gables are at the northeast corner of the facade and the southern corner of the western side. Within the gables are diamond paned "Palladian" windows. A one-story porch with hipped roof, gable entrance, doubled, fluted posts and balustrade stretches between the two bays. The main entrance has wide, leaded sidelights.

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

- 1895 & 1915 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1915, 1905
- Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 28, 1908.