

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-223



City Northampton
 Address 54 Harrison Avenue
 Name R. Stedman House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Renwick & Justine Caldwell
 Description:
 Date 1898
 Source Atlases and Springfield D. Repub.
 Date

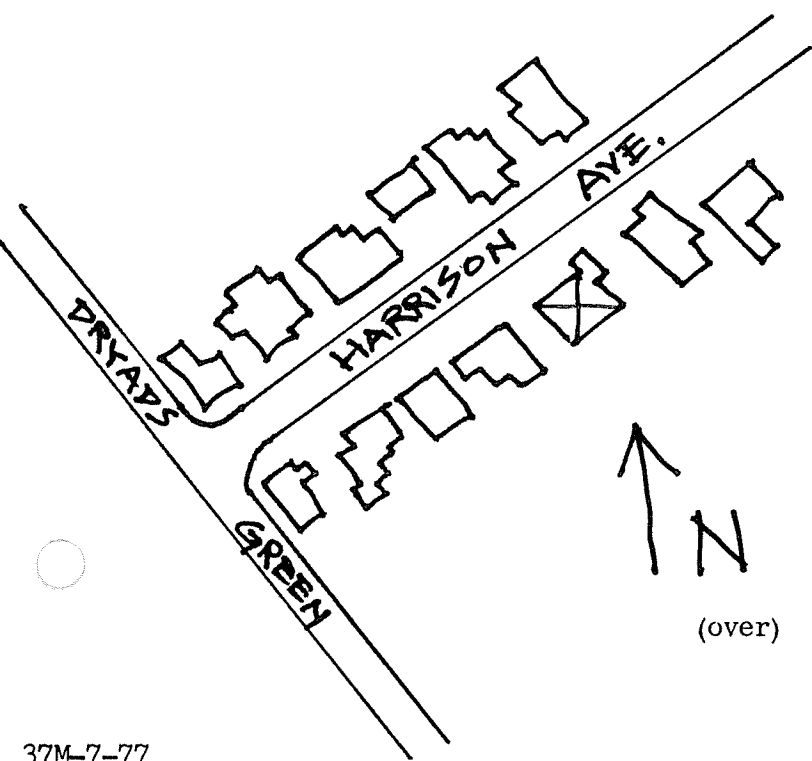
4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

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
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 Date March 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Miss Rebecca Stedman

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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	<u>x</u>				

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

This house was built for Miss Rebecca Stedman in 1898 at a cost of \$3000. Miss Stedman was assistant librarian at the Northampton Public Library. Harrison Ave. had been opened in 1890, and quickly became one of the most fashionable streets in the city. Most of the houses were built in the turn-of-the-century period and illustrate the eclecticism of that era.

The house is two stories tall with hipped roof and hipped dormers. The second story is covered with wood shingles and the first story has clapboards. A one-story porch with hipped roof, pedimented entrance, Tuscan columns and balustrade extends from the front entrance halfway around the eastern side.

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

1895 & 1915 Atlases
 Northampton Directory: 1900, 1905, 1915.
Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 31, 1898.