

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-224

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n Northampton

ress 50 Harrison Avenue

ie W. Coburn House

sent use residence

sent owner Dwight & Anne Lee

cription:

e 1894

source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

e & S.D.R.

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

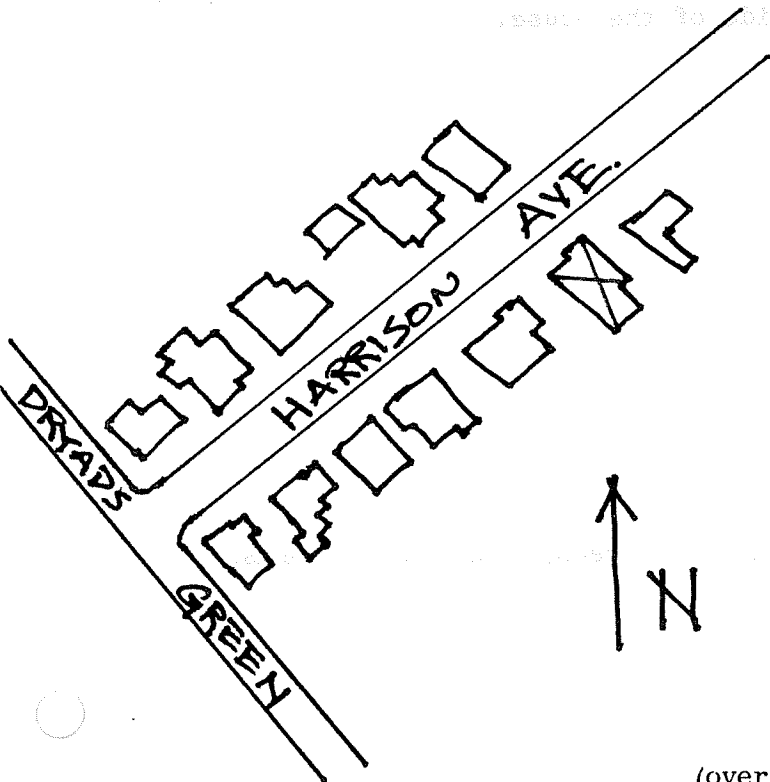
15'

6. Recorded by E. Loneragan

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William A. Coburn

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 in 1894 for William Coburn at a cost of \$4000. Mr. Coburn was co-owner of a Main St. drug store. Harrison Ave. was opened in 1890, and by 1895 nine houses had been constructed. Most of the other houses were constructed early in the 20th century.

The house is two stories in height with slate hipped roof. The first floor is covered with clapboards, while the second floor is clad with wood shingling. The facade has a hipped dormer with molded, shingled corners, a two-story bay window with flaring polygonal roof and a two-story porch with arched openings on the second floor and decoratively-cut shingles in the front pediment. There's also a two-story bay window with flaring polygonal roof in the western side of the house.

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

- 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1895 & 96
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.449-P.411
- Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 29, 1894.