

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-234



Northampton

Address 25 Kensington Avenue

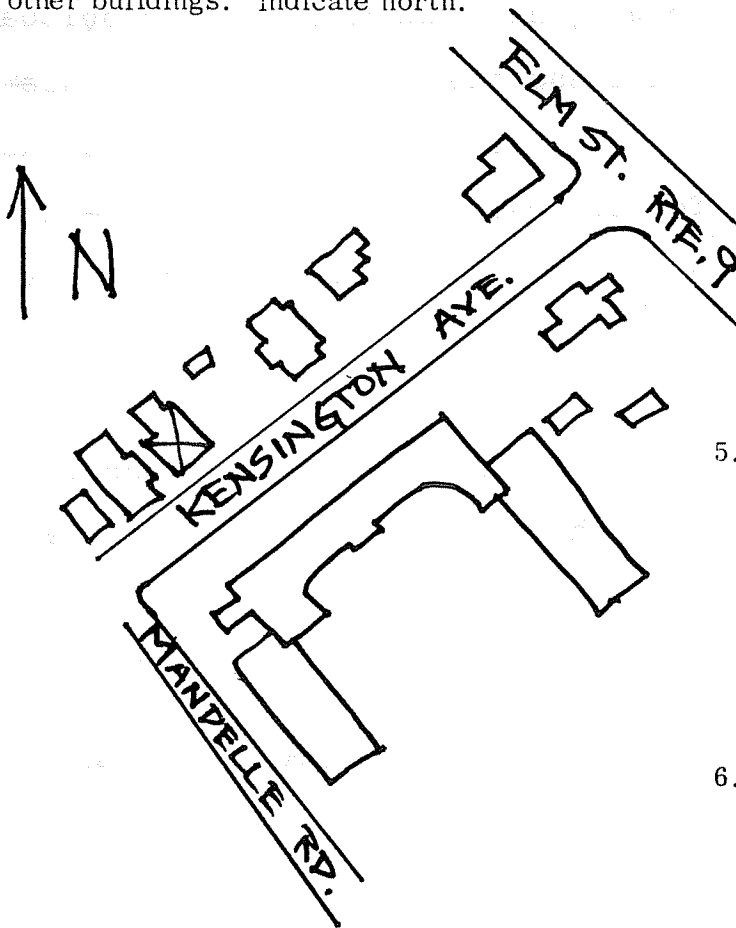
Present use residence

Present owner Walter & Loretta Czapienski

Description: 1890-95

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features decorative shingles in gables, front porch with turned posts and balustrade

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. Lonergan & M. Dolin

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)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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)

Kensington Ave. was opened in 1890 by Charles Crouch, one of Northampton's most prolific developers, and described in his obituary as "one of the most enterprising citizens the town ever had... his motto was progress." He built about 150 houses in Northampton, either as tenement houses or on contract for others. By 1895 there were 15 houses built on the street and by 1915 all of the lots but two were filled with houses.

This house appears on the 1895 atlas as property of Micheal Keating, a mason who who is also first listed here in the 1895 directory. The house is 2 1/2 stories tall with gable end to the street. The front gable is covered with wood shingles laid in a decorative pattern and a 1 story porch covers the facade. The porch has a shed roof, turned posts with fin brackets and a patterned balustrade.

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.442-P.131
Daily Hampshire Gazette May 11, 1901.