

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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Northampton

Address 29 Kensington Avenue

Present use residence

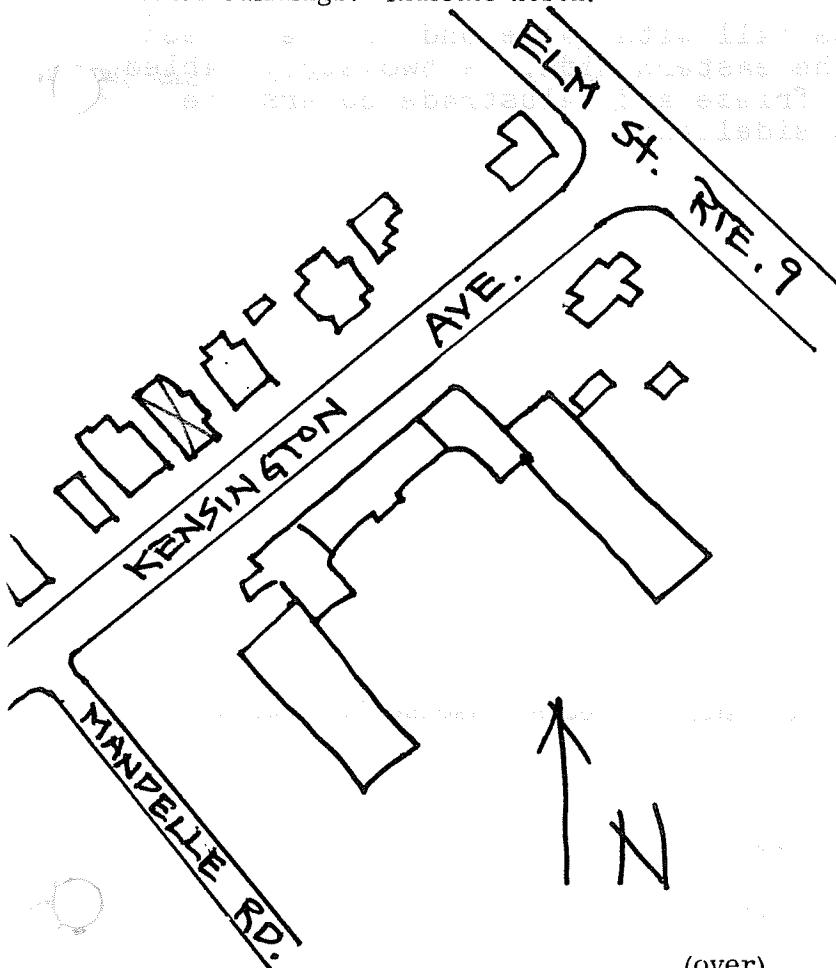
Present owner Smith College

Description: 1895 - 1915

Source Atlases

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location 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:

One acre or less X Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street 15'

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/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | _____    |                            |       |                         |       |

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

Kensington Ave. was opened in 1890 and quickly became one of the most "aristocratic" streets in the city. This house first appears on the 1915 atlas and the first known occupants were all professors at Smith College, who probably leased rooms here.

The house is 2½ stories tall with gable end to the street and a 2½ story gabled projection on the eastern side. A two-story gabled porch with molded bargeboards, posts, frieze and balustrade covers the front entrance which has leaded glass sidelights.

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

- 1895 & 1915 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1915 & 1918
- Daily Hampshire Gazette Nov. 30, 1895.