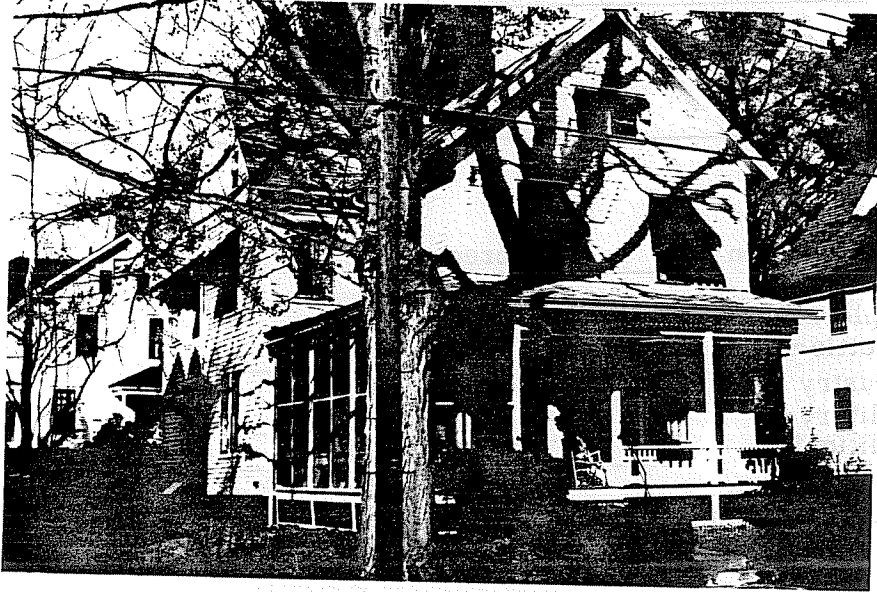


FORM B - BUILDING

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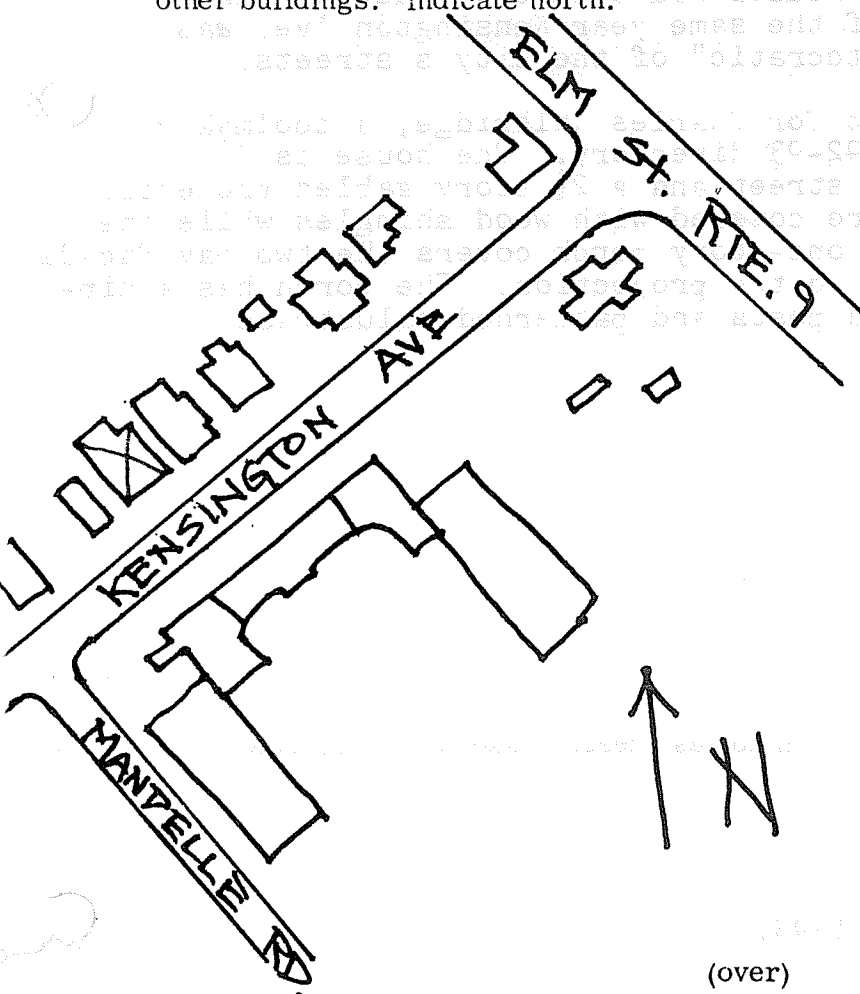
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Location Northampton
 Address 35 Kensington Avenue
 Name C. Walbridge House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Ellsworth & Katherine Smith
 Description:
 Date 1890-92
 Source Reg. of Deeds & Directory
 Title
 Architect

7. map. Draw sketch of lot 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
20'
 6. Recorded by E. Lonergan & M. Dolin
 Organization NHC
 Date March 1980

(over)

Original owner (if known) Charles D. Walbridge

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)

Kensington Ave. was opened in 1800 by Charles Crouch, Northampton's most prolific builder of the 19th century. Development was quick here and by 1895 fifteen houses had been constructed. In an anniversary issue of the Gazette of the same year Kensington Ave. was described as one of the most "aristocratic" of the city's streets.

This house was built for Charles Walbridge, a toolmaker, who is first listed here in the 1892-93 directory. The house is 2½ stories tall with gable end to the street and a 2½ story gabled projection on the western side. The gables are covered with wood shingles while the body of the house is clapboard. A one-story porch covers the two bay facade and extends along the western side to the projection. The porch has a hip-ped roof, spindle frieze, chamfered posts and patterned balustrade.

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

- 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1892-93
- Daily Hampshire Gazette Nov. 30, 1895.