

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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n Northampton

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ie Mantor House

sent use residence

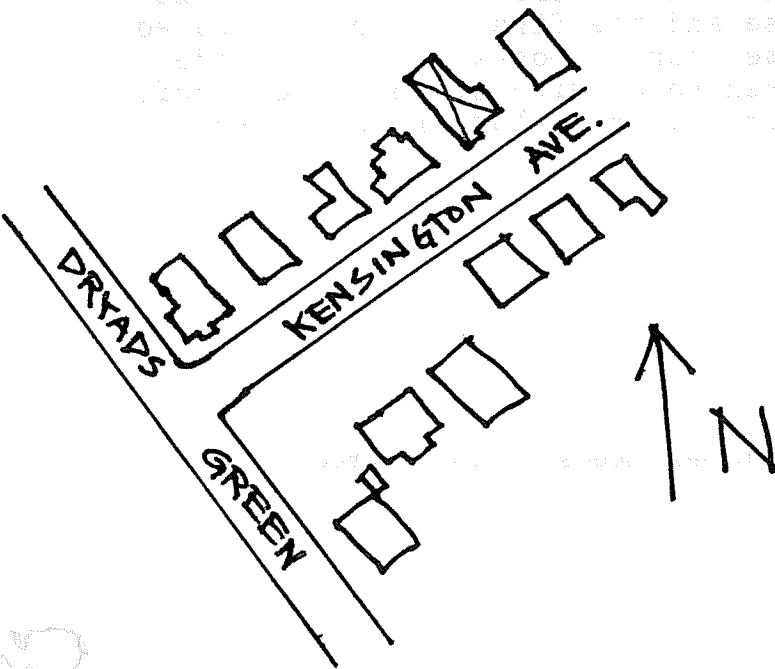
sent owner David & Therese Rumpf

ription:

1890-94

ource Reg. of Deeds & Directory

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 2-story front bay capped

by open porch with turned posts and hipped roof, front half porch with turned posts, spindle frieze 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) Frank P. and James O. Mantor

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	_____				

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

Kensington Ave. was opened in 1890 and quickly became one of Northampton's most "aristocratic" streets. By 1895 half of the lots were built upon with residences and the rest were filled up early in the 20th century. Smith College's "Quadrangle" dormitory system caused the demolition of six houses on the southern side of the street in the late 1920's.

This is one of the earlier houses on the street, appearing on the 1895 atlas as the property of Frank Mantor. Frank and James Mantor were first listed here in the 1894 directory. James was superintendent of the C.A. Maynard Co., manufacturers of shovels and hoes on Green St., while Frank was a clerk for the same company.

The house is 2½ stories tall, and L-shaped with a two-story tower with flaring hipped roof and gabled dormer in the crook of the L. This tower has the main entrance of the house and the first floor is covered by a porch with shed roof, spindle frieze, turned posts and balustrade. A two-story bay window surmounted by an open porch with slate hipped roof, turned posts and balustrade projects from the front leg of the house.

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

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