

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-243

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



City Northampton

Address 65 Kensington Avenue

Block

Present use residence

Present owner Robert & Helen Haddard

Description:

1895-98

Source Atlas & Directory

Architect

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features diagonally-laid brick

string courses and arched lintels,

entry porch with piers & balustrade

Altered --- Date

Moved --- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre

Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

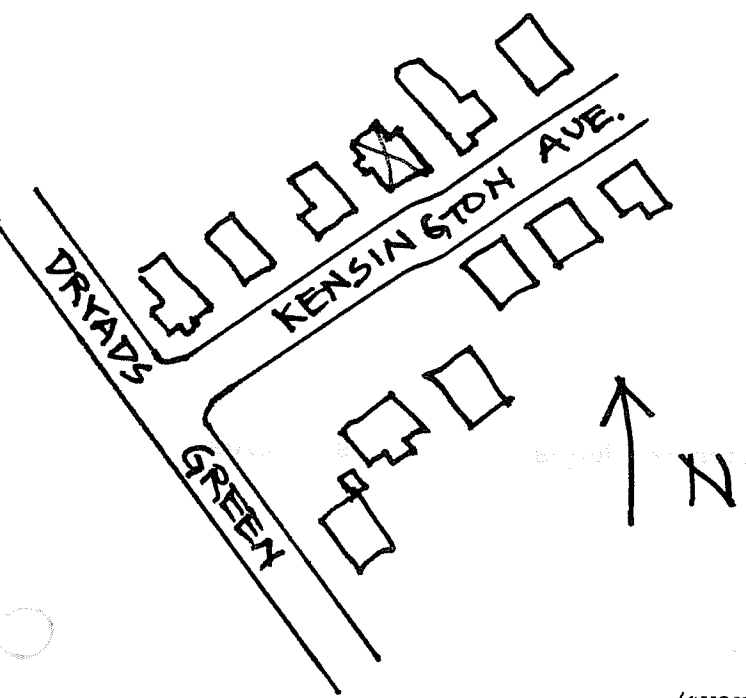
15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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Date March 1980

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



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

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

This was one of four brick houses built on Kensington Ave. in 1897 by Charles Crouch. The street had been opened in 1890 by Mr. Crouch, who was Northampton's most prolific builder of the 19th century. He built houses on contract and also built them to lease as tenements.

The house is two stories tall with hipped roof and 2½ story gabled projection on the western side. A two-story bay window with polygonal roof takes up half the facade, while a one-story porch with shed roof, square posts and balustrade occupies the other half. Fancy brickwork is used for string courses and window lintels.

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

- 1895 & 1915 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1898 - 1900
- Spfld Daily Republican Dec. 31, 1897.