

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-246



n Northampton

ress 75 Kensington Avenue

ie \_\_\_\_\_

sent use residence

sent owner Nonie Stramese

cription: \_\_\_\_\_

e 1895-1915

source Atlases

e \_\_\_\_\_

chitect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features terra cotta string course

diagonally-laid brick frieze and

arched lintels

Altered --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Approximate distance of building from street

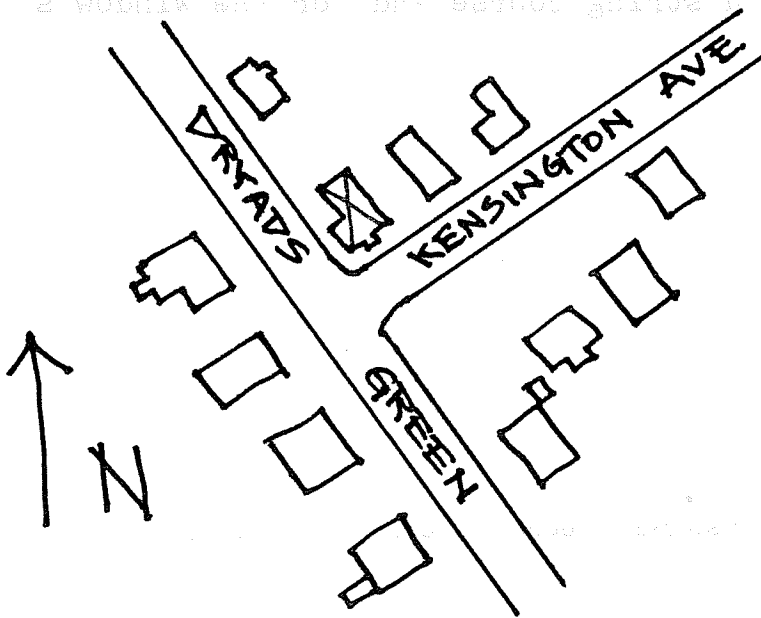
15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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

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. Mr. Crouch was Northampton's most prolific builder of the 19th century, constructing over 150 houses in his career, which spanned the entire second half of the 19th century. It was Mr. Crouch who opened Kensington Ave in 1890. He constructed houses on contract or built them for himself, leasing them as tenements.

The house is two stories tall with slate hipped roof and a two--story bay window with polygonal roof on the western side of the house. The three-bay facade has a central entrance with gabled porch. Fancy brickwork is used for a frieze under the eaves, as a string course and for the window s lintels.

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

- 1895, 1915 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 442-P. 131.
- Northampton Directory: 1905, 1915 and 1918.