

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-251-2



n Northampton

ress 58 Kensington Avenue

ie \_\_\_\_\_

sent use residence

sent owner Smith College

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

e 1890-95

source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

e \_\_\_\_\_

chitect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

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

Other features 2-story front bay topped  
by open porch with turned posts and  
fancy brackets, and pyramidal roof  
with finial

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

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

5. Lot size:

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

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

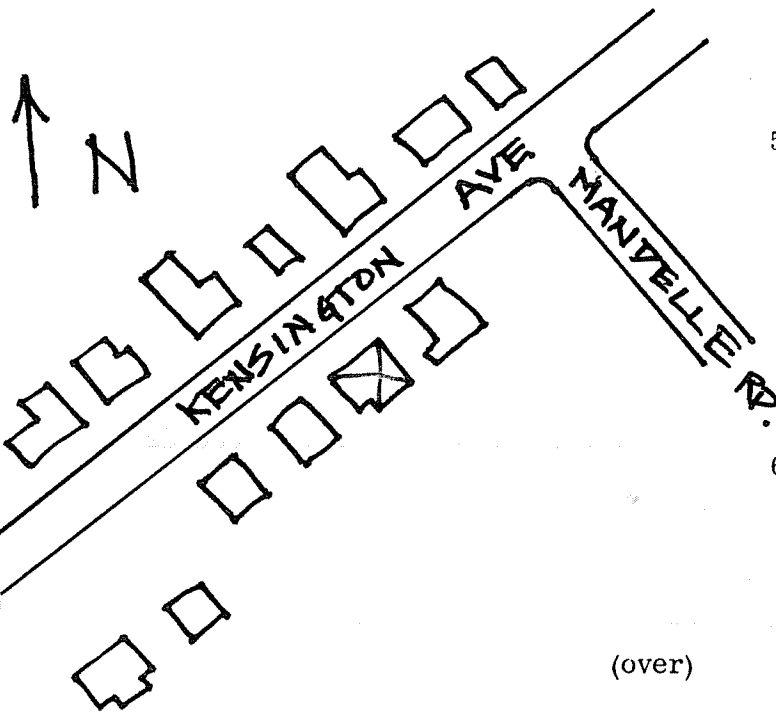
Approximate distance of building from street  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan & M. Dolin

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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) Charles Crouch

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)

In 1890 Kensington Ave. was opened up through the Elm St. homestead of Aaron Breck. The developers was Charles Crouch, Northampton's most prolific builder during the 19th century. Mr. Crouch built over 150 houses in the city. Some of these were on contract, and others he leased out as tenements. He was acclaimed as one of the three or four largest property owners in Northampton.

This house was owned by Mr. Crouch and leased out. The house features a two-story bay window capped by a balcony with turned posts, brackets and shingled base, all surmounted by a pyramidal slate roof with finial. The facade also has a two-story entry porch with turned posts and brackets.

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

- 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.442-P.131
- Daily Hampshire Gazette May 11, 1901 and May 21, 1901.