

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

61 Paradise Rd.

Local Name _____

Original residence _____

Present residence _____

Occupancy: Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner _____

DESCRIPTION:

cross streets and other buildings or geographical features.

Indicate north.

Date 1884-95

Source Atlases

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick

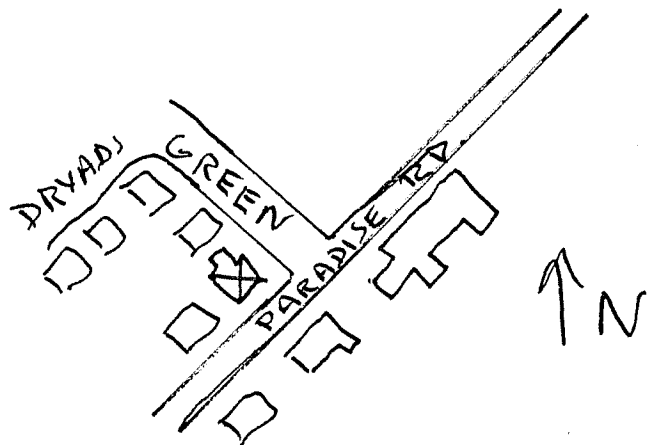
Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting _____



Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is two and a half stories in height with ridge roof and large gable dormer in the center of the front slope. The symmetrical facade has a central entrance flanked by French windows on the first floor, and is covered by a one-story porch with chamfered posts, perforated brackets and patterned balustrade.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Paradise Rd. had been laid out in the late 1860's as the first development in the area west of Elm St., bound by the Mill River. However there wasn't much construction here until the late 1880's when several other streets were laid out through the old Elm St. homesteads.

This large brick house first appears on the 1895 atlas as the property of the Rev. Cyrus Pickett. Joseph Pickett, one of the co-founders of the Northampton Commercial College, and his son John C. Pickett are also listed here, as boarders.

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