

FORM B - BUILDING

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



Northampton

65 Paradise Rd.

Local Name W.H. Clapp House

Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner William H. Clapp

Construction:

1887

cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.

Date 1887
Source Spfld Daily Republican

Style Shingle Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric wood shingles

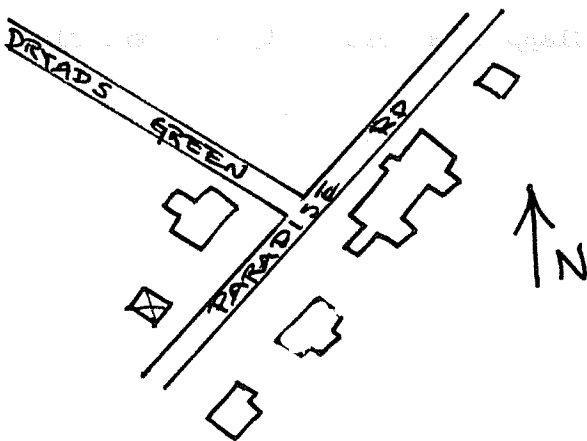
Outbuildings --

Major alterations (with dates)
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Moved -- Date ---

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting



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

The house is one of the relatively few houses in the city that shows the influence of the Shingle Style. It is 2½ stories tall with steeply-pitched ridge roof and large gabled dormer atop a three-sided bay dormer. The roof in the front slopes down to enclose a recessed porch with flaring shingled posts and arched openings. On the western side of the house is a two-story bay window with polygonal roof.

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

In 1866 a subdivision plan for "Paradise Rd. lots" was filed by J.C. Ward. The area supposedly received its name from Jenny Lind, the "Swedish Nightingale", who spent her honeymoon at the Round Hill Hotel in the early 1850 s. She was so entranced by the vistas from Round Hill that she gave Northampton the nickname "Paradise of America".

Development didnt proceed very quickly on Paradise Rd. though, with three houses shown on the 1873 atlas and five houses on the 1884 atlas. However, during the late 1880s this entire area on the south side of Elm St. became opened up for development and within the next 25 years substantially reached its presnet state.

This house was built in 1887 for William H. Clapp at a cost of \$3200. Mr. Clapp was the clerk of courts at the County Court House..

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