

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-263 - 8



1 Northampton

Address 71 Dryads Green

Name W. Cochran House

Present use residence

Present owner Smith College

Description:

Year 1896

Source Atlas & Directory & S.D.R.

Reference

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features "stick-work" in gables,

1 story front porch with decorated posts, cut-out balustrade and gable over entrance

Altered --- Date

Moved --- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less --- Over one acre ---

Approximate frontage

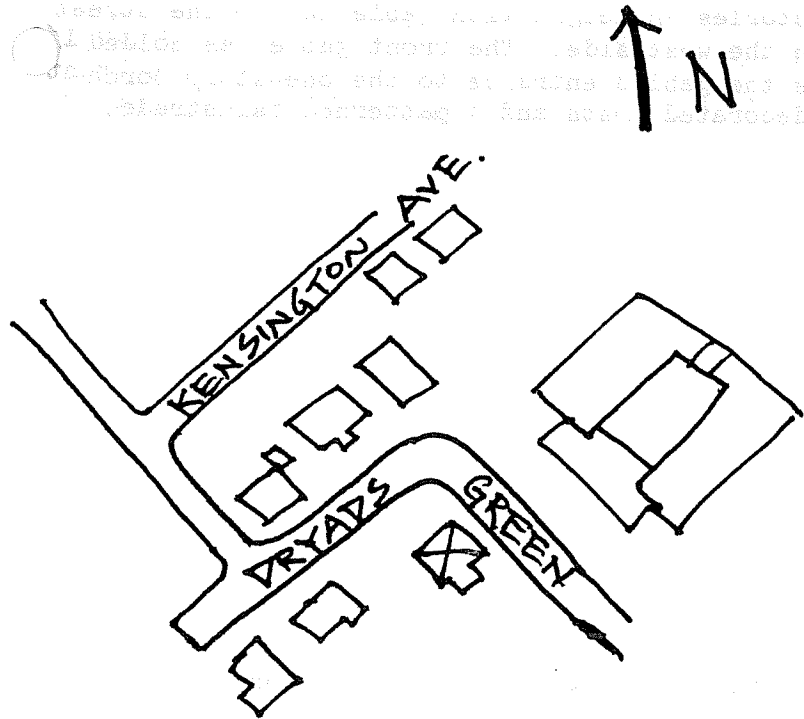
Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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Date March 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William M. Cochran

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)

Dryads Green was laid out in 1890 as part of Hammond and Sullivan's sub-division off of Elm St., which also included Harrison Ave. This area was termed "the most modern and most costly built" in an 1895 Gazette article on the recent development of Northampton. This house was built in 1896 for William Cochran, a Main St. insurance and real estate agent.

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories in height with gable end to the street and a two-story bay capped by a wall gable in the west side. The front gable has molded bargeboards and decorative stick work as does the gabled entrance to the one-story porch that covers the facade. The porch also has decorated posts and a patterned balustrade.

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

1895 & 1915 Atlases
 Northampton Directory: 1915, 1905 & 1895-96

Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 31, 1896.
Daily Hampshire Gazette Nov. 30, 1895.