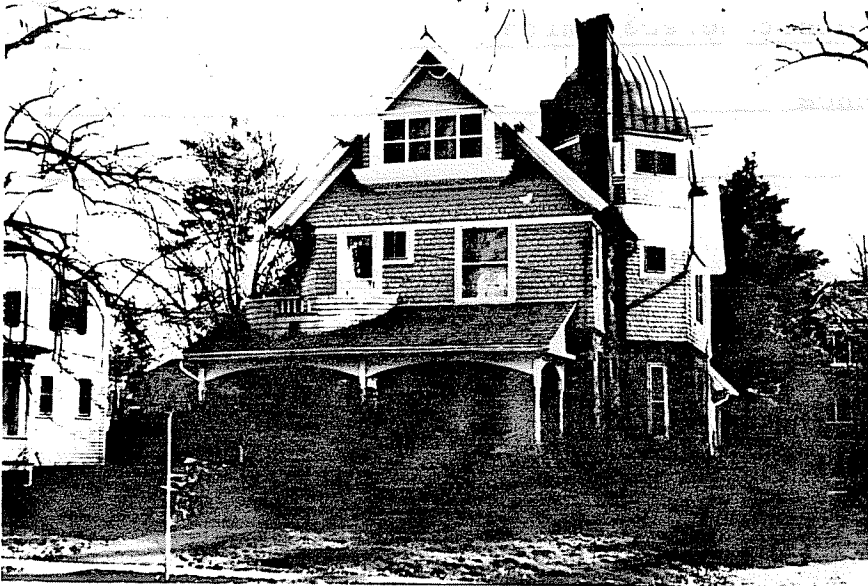


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-264

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1 Northampton

Address 59 Dryads Green

Name R. Smith House

Present use residence

Present owner Smith College

Description: 1915-19

Source Atlas & Directory

Style Queen Anne

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

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric shingle & fieldstone

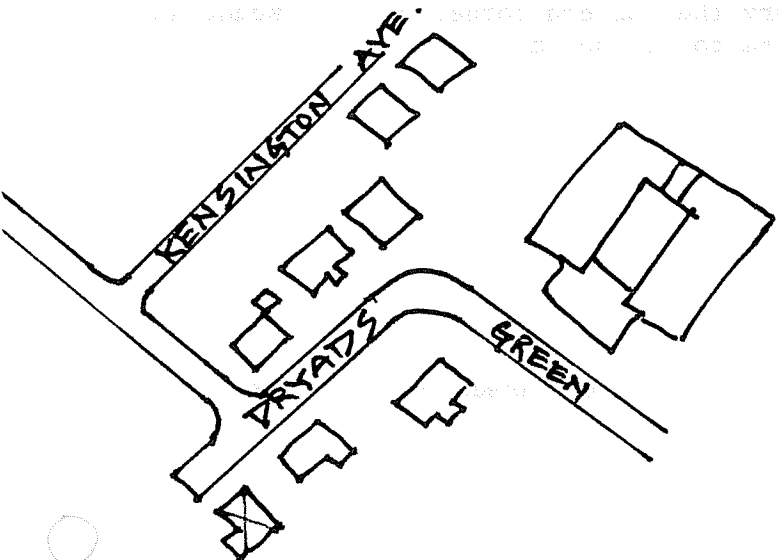
Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_



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

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



5. Lot size:

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

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

Approximate distance of building from street 20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Rev. Robert Seneca Smith

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	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Dryads Green was opened in 1890 and quickly became built up with costly, modern houses. This house is located at the end of the major leg of Dryads Green and provides a fitting focus for one of the most "aristocratic" of areas in the city. The house doesn't appear on the 1915 atlas, and seems to have been built in 1918, as the Rev. Robert S. Smith is first listed here in 1919. Rev. Smith lived next door at 57 Dryads Green prior to having this house constructed. He was a professor of Biblical Literature at Smith College.

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories tall with the first story constructed of fieldstone and the upper stories of decoratively-cut shingles. The gable end is to the street and there is a 2 and 1/2 story gabled projection on the western side. In between, at the western corner of the facade is a three story tower with domical roof and a tall chimney stack, which is secured to the main roof by an ornate, wrought iron piece. The two-bay facade is covered by a one-story porch with shed roof, turned posts, arched openings and a balustrade. On the second story the eastern corner of the facade is cut away and a curved shingle base creates a balconied porch.

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

- 1895 & 1915 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1919, 1922
- Daily Hampshire Gazette Nov. 30, 1895.