

. Original owner (if known) Chauncey W. Rowley

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 1870 Chauncey Rowley, a mechanic, bought lot no. 27 of J.M.Minor and J.A. Searles's subdivision plan for Washington Ave. for \$400. Minor and Searle had opened the street the same year, and by 1873 there were fifteen houses built. Mr. Rowley's was one of them.

The house is two and a half stories in height with gable end to the street and a two and a half story gabled projection on the eastern side. A one-story porch covers the three-bay facade and extends along the eastern side to the projection. This porch has a hipped roof with projecting cornice and frieze, chamfered posts and curved brackets that define the porch's arched openings, and a balustrade. The lot is bounded by an original wrought iron fence in good condition.

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

1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 277-P. 185, 272-149.
 Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1885-86, 1875-76.