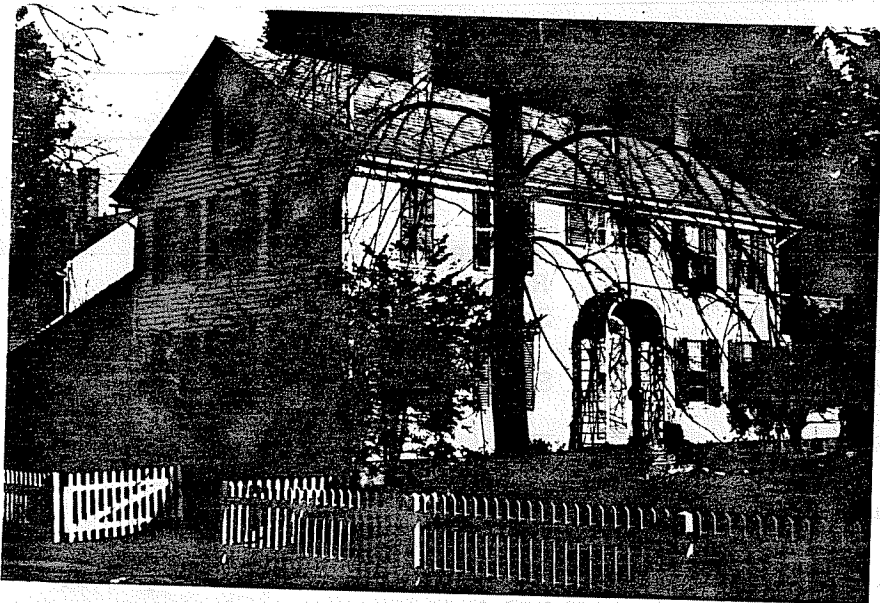


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-277



1. Town Northampton

Address 74 Washington Ave.

Present use residence

Present owner Elliot and Rosemary Offner

Description: mid 19th century

Source visual evidence

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features "Gothic" window in gable, entry with fan light, 6x6 windows

Altered sun porch added Date early 20th c.

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: _____

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

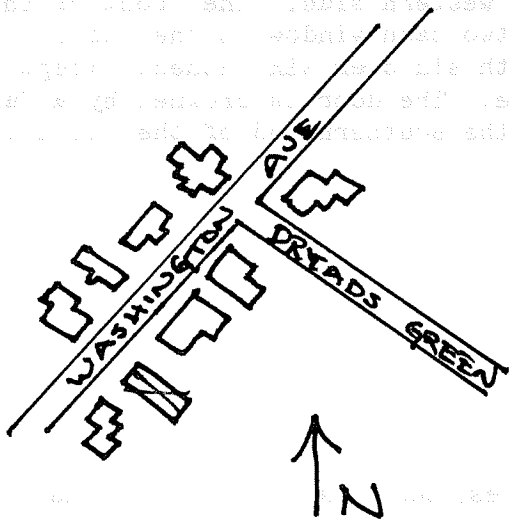
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

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)

Washington Ave. was opened up for residential development by J.H. Searle and J.M. Minor in 1870. By 1873 fifteen houses had been constructed, however this lot remained open, and was owned by J.C. Ward. The present house first appears on the 1895 atlas and was listed as the property of Arthur Nutting, a fire insurance and real estate agent.

Visually the house appears to date from the mid 19th century and its possible that J.C. Ward moved a house to this site. Mr. Ward at one time owned most of "Paradise", the area enclosed by a bend in the Mill River.

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories in height with gable end to the street and main entrance in the center of the five-bay western side. The front of the house is three bays wide and has a "Gothic" two over two sash window in the gable. The rest of the windows on the house are rectangular, with six over six sashes, except for two, small four-light windows above the main entrance. The door is crowned by a fanlight and an arched lattice covers the entrance. On the southern end of the house is a one-story sun porch with flat roof and balcony.

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.272-P. 110.
Northampton Directory: 1894-95.