

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

101 Washington Ave.

Local Name

Original residence

Present residence

Type:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner

NOTATION:

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

Date 1870-73

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

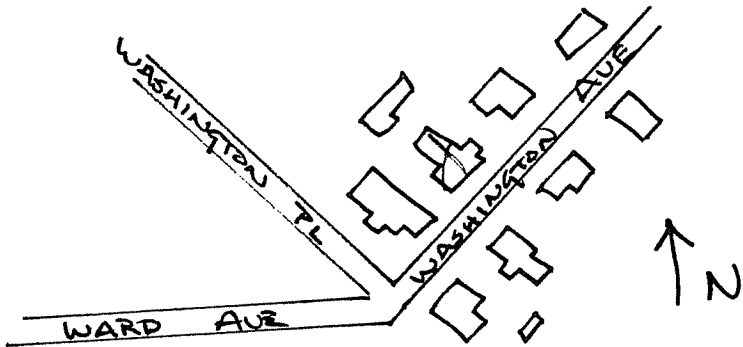
Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved -- Date

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting



Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date June 1980

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

The house is one-and-a-half stories high with ridge roof and two-story gabled pavilion in the center of the three-bay facade. This pavilion contains the house's main entrance, which is covered by a one-story porch with hipped roof, square posts with brackets and balustrade.

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

In 1870 Washington Ave. was opened for residential development. Between Elm St. and Washington Place was the sub-division of J.H. Searle and J.M. Minor, while the western end of the street was part of J.C. Ward's "Paradise Lot" development. Mr. Ward owned most of the land atop the bluffs on the easterly side of the Mill River west of Elm St. and opened this land up for development in the decade after the Civil War. The 1873 atlas shows three houses, including his own, on Paradise Ave. and seven houses on the western part of his development, which consisted of the eastern end of Paper Mill Rd. (now Federal St.), the western end of Vernon St. and James and Ward Aves. This house appears on that atlas, and was owned and occupied by Benjamin Peck, "agent for Babcock's fire extinguisher".

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1873, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1873-74.