

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-7



Northampton

Address 43 Crescent St.

Name J. Riley House

Present use residence

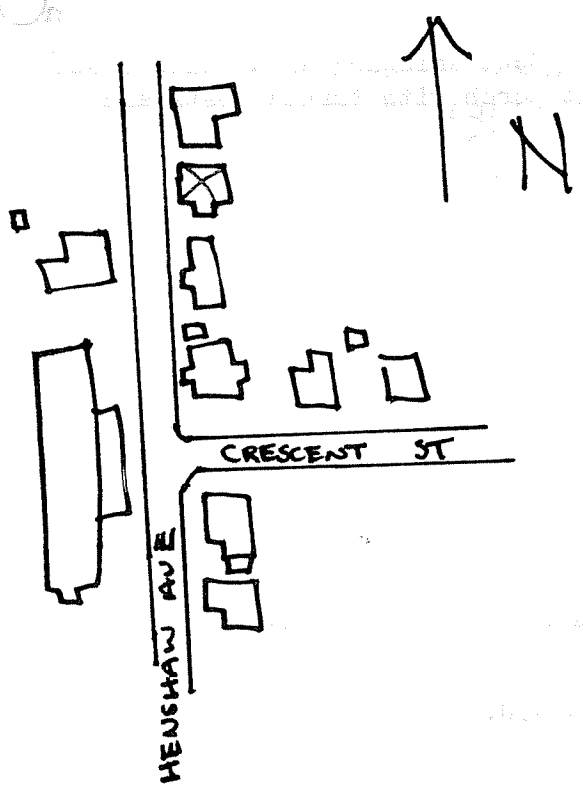
Present owner Teresa Moriarty

Description: 1887-95

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

7. Map. Draw sketch of lot in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

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

Other features board and batten in front gable, decorative shingles on 2nd floor porch and a string course.

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

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

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Date March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John B. and Margaret C. Riley  
 Original use residence  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| Aboriginal            | _____    | Conservation               | _____ | Recreation              | _____ |
| Agricultural          | _____    | Education                  | _____ | Religion                | _____ |
| Architectural         | <u>x</u> | Exploration/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | _____    |                            |       |                         |       |

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

In 1887 John and Margaret Riley bought part of lot no. 3 of the Round Hill Estate sub-division for \$600. Mr. Riley was a printer with Metcalf and Co., and made this his homestead.

Crescent St. had been opened in 1886 and curved gently along the middle slopes of Round Hill. The street provided sweeping views of the Connecticut River Valley and surrounding hills, and quickly became one of the most "aristocratic" streets in the city.

This house features decoratively-cut shingles as a beltcourse, vertical boarding in the front gable, a one-story front porch with turned posts and balustrade, and a bay window on the southern side.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 409-P. 18, 406-118, 404-149, 314-430.
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96.
- Daily Hampshire Gazette Nov. 30, 1895.