

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Northampton

ss Round Hill Road

larke School)

nt use part of Clarke School

e - Clarke House

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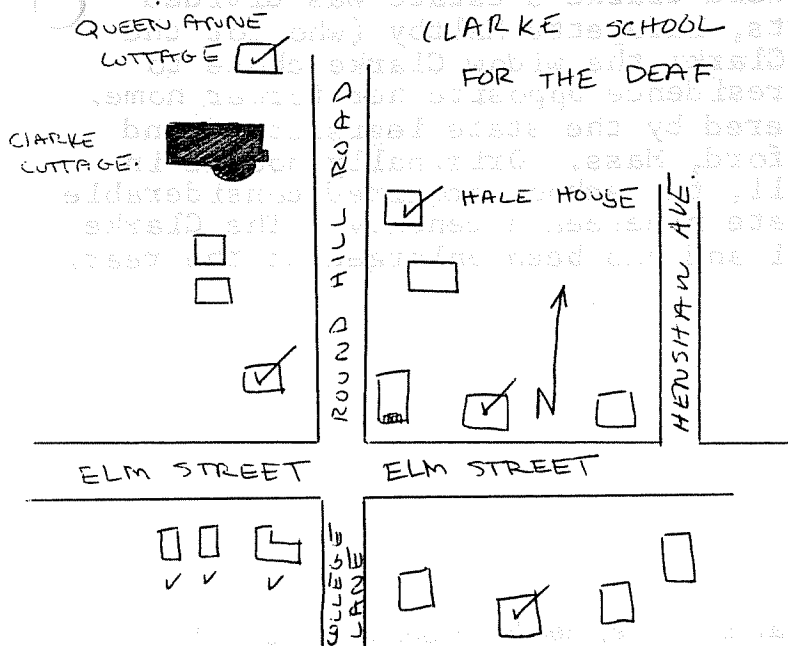
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1859

Hampshire Gazette,
urce March 29, 1859

Gothic Revival w/additions

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



itect Wm. F. Pratt after A. J.

Exterior wall fabric brick Downing

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 2 stories; brick with
tiled roofs and stick style trim;
bay, south facade; additions

Altered additions Date

Moved no Date

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre Over one acre x

Approximate frontage Clarke School

Approximate distance of building from street

40 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

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7. Original owner (if known) Mrs. Edward Clarke
Original use Residence
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

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)

This brick cottage was built on fashionable Round Hill in 1859 and derives from an Andrew Jackson Downing design, VI in the 1850 edition of The Architecture of Country Houses, for a "Gate-Lodge in the English style." Mrs. Clarke and others added to the gothic cottage over the course of time.

Edward Clarke was an important citizen and the owner of an unusual U-shaped Greek Revival house built in 1836-39 and located opposite the site of the Clarke cottage. (Clarke School demolished the Greek Revival structure.) Edward Clarke's estate was divided between three Round Hill Residents, Lafayette Maltby (who got the house), W. B. Hale, and Merritt Clark; the widow Clarke chose to build an economical but genteel residence opposite her former home. In 1867 Clarke School was chartered by the state legislature and moved to Northampton from Chelmsford, Mass. Originally housed in several structures atop Round Hill, the school acquired considerable property along the road in the late nineteenth century. The Clarke Cottage is now part of the school and has been enlarged at the rear.

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