

FORM B - BUILDING

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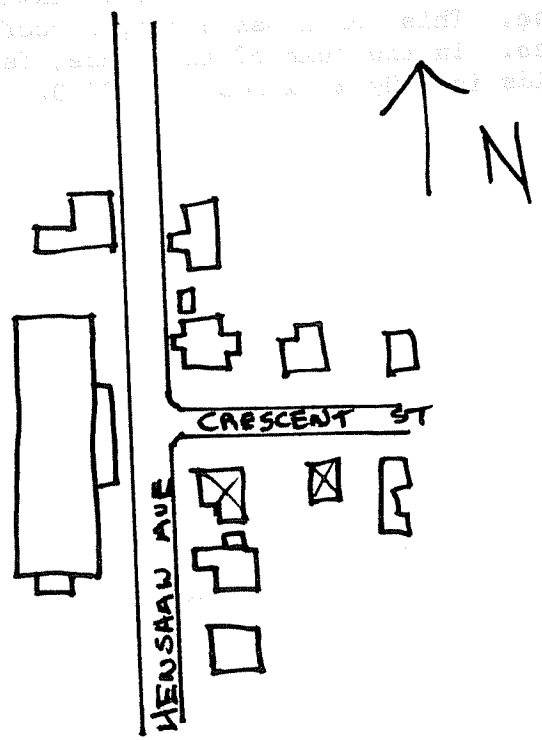
In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-66



City Northampton
 Address 81 Henshaw Ave.
 Name C. Childs House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Yechiael and Rose Lander
 Description:
 Date 1890-95
 Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas
 Architect _____

other buildings. Indicate north.

Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) brick garage
 Other features side porch with Tuscan columns, turned balustrade and lattice base, Palladian window in front gable
 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
 Organization NHC
 Date March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Charles E. Childs

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 | _____ | 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)

In 1890 Charles Childs bought this parcel of land from Henry Hinckley. This was part of the western end of Mr. Hinckley's homestead which was being cut through for an extension of Henshaw Ave. and the beginning of Crescent St. Crescent St. wrapped around the middle slopes of Round Hill, providing spectacular views of the Connecticut Valley to the east and north. It quickly became one of the most fashionable streets in city.

This house features several pedimented gables, the one on the facade being graced with a large Palladian window. A one-story porch extends along the southern and eastern sides of the house. This porch has a hipped roof, Tuscan columns, turned balustrade and lattice base. In the rear of the house, facing Crescent St., is a brick garage, built for Mr. Childs in 1909 at a cost of \$3000.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.435-P. 469.
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96.
- Springfield Daily Republican Jan. 3, 1910.