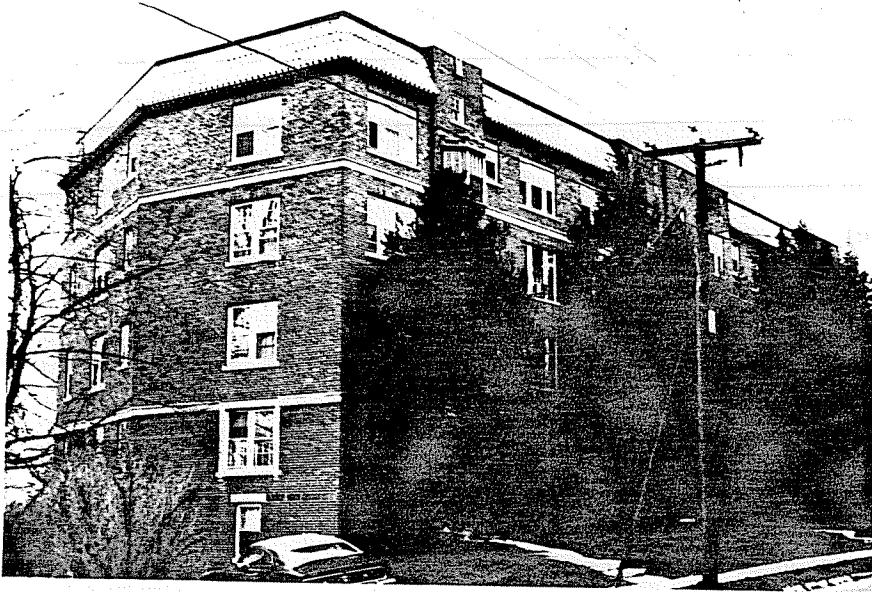


FORM B - BUILDING

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

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1. Northampton

Address 69-81 Prospect St.

Building Name Prospect Apartments

Present use residence

Present owner \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

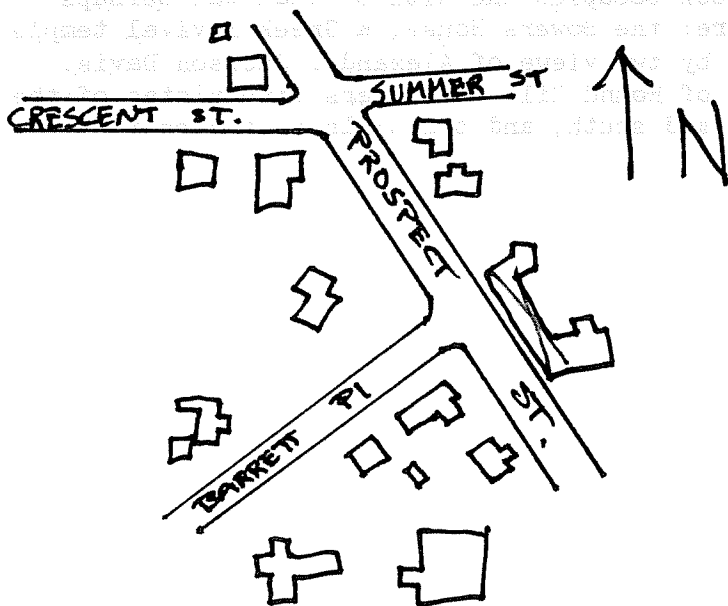
Date 1928-30

Source Directory & S.D.R.

Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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



Exterior wall fabric brick

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

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

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

Moved -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less  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) \_\_\_\_\_

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/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____        | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____        | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____        | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | <u>  x  </u> |                            |       |                         |       |

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

This large block of 32 apartments was built in 1928-29 by Albert Gagnier at a cost of \$128,000. Mr. Gagnier was a prominent apartment builder in the larger cities of the lower Valley: Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke.

The apartment block occupies the site of what was perhaps Northampton's finest piece of architecture: the Bowers House, a Greek Revival temple designed by Ithiel Towne and made famous by two views of Alexander Jackson Davis. Prospect St. runs along the lower slopes of Round Hill and offers fine vistas of the Connecticut River Valley spreading north and south, and the hills to the east.

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

Northampton Directory: 1922 and 1930.  
Northampton Building Dept. 1928 Permits.