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FORM B - BUILDING

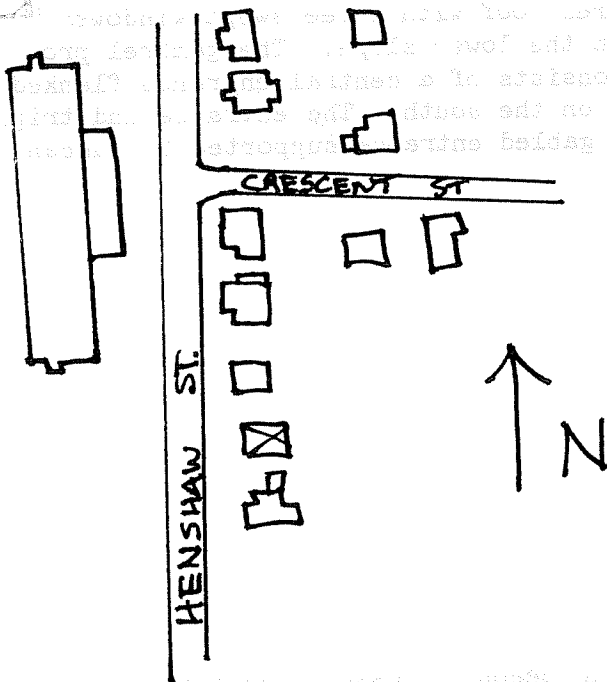
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-98



Northampton  
 Address 59 Henshaw Ave.  
 Present use residence  
 Present owner Joseph and Geraldine Perez  
 Description:  
1909  
 Source Reg of Deeds and Atlas  
 Architect

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



Exterior wall fabric wood shingles  
 Outbuildings (describe)   
 Other features swept dormers, gambrel roof with recessed windows in lower slope, front porch with gabled entrance.  
 Altered -- Date   
 Moved -- Date

5. Lot size:  
 One acre or less x Over one acre   
 Approximate frontage 60'  
 Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan  
 Organization NHC  
 Date March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Charles H. Bowker

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)

This house was built in 1909 for Charles Bowker at an approximate cost of \$6000. Mr. Bowker was the proprietor of the Draper Storage Co., located in the rear of the Draper Hotel, and treasurer of the New England Hotel Assn. This portion of Henshaw Ave., north of no. 37 was opened in the late 1880's through the Hinckley honestead, known as "The Manse"

The house features a gambrel roof with three swept windows on the upper slope and five recessed windows on the lower slope. The gambrel project widely in the front and the first floor consists of a central entrance flanked by a bay window on the north and triple window on the south. The entrance and triple window are covered by a porch with projecting, gabled entrance supported by Tuscan columns.

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

- 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.649-P. 56, 580-321, 574-129.
- Northampton Directory: 1915 and 1930.
- Springfield Daily Republican Jan 3, 1910.