

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-123



1 Northampton

Address 57 Henshaw Ave.

Name M. and E. Bliss House

Present use residence

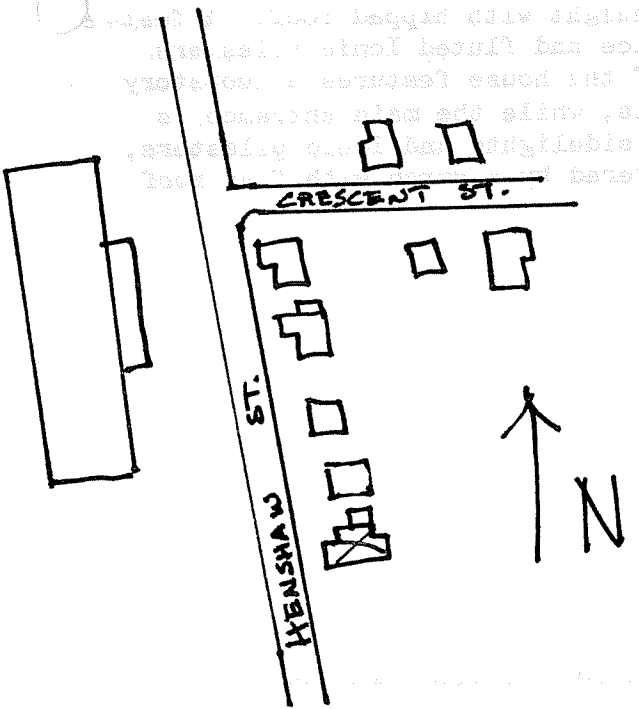
Present owner John and Janet Boettiger

Description: 1892-95

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

Style Colonial Revival

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features pluted Ionic corner pilasters, festooned frieze, 2-story bay with polygonal roof, side porches.

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 F Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

(over)

Original owner (if known) Maria and Emma Bliss

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

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	_____				

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

This house appears to have been built between 1892 and 1895 for the Misses Maria and Emma Bliss. In the latter part of the 1880's Henshaw Ave. had been extended northwards, and became Crescent St., which cut along the middle slopes of Round Hill. This soon became one of the most "aristocratic" street in the city.

The house is two stories in height with hipped roof. A festooned frieze encircles the house beneath the cornice and fluted Ionic pilasters are used at the corners. The Henshaw Ave. face of the house features a two-story bay window with polygonal roof and decorated panels, while the main entrance is located on the southern side. The entrance, with sidelights and Ionic pilasters, faces front from a one-story projection and is covered by a porch with flat roof and fluted Ionic posts.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 452-P. 10, 451-465.
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96.