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NORTHAMPTON

Address 54 Prospect Street

Common Stoddard House "The Manse"

Original & present home - now

Trusts

Owner Manse, Inc.

Public no

Rear Style 18th C. Colonial

front

Source of date Town records

Architect unknown

Architectural reason for inventorying:

style - history - age

OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material brick

WALL COVER: Wood Brick Stone Other

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 PORTICO front door and Balcony
side door

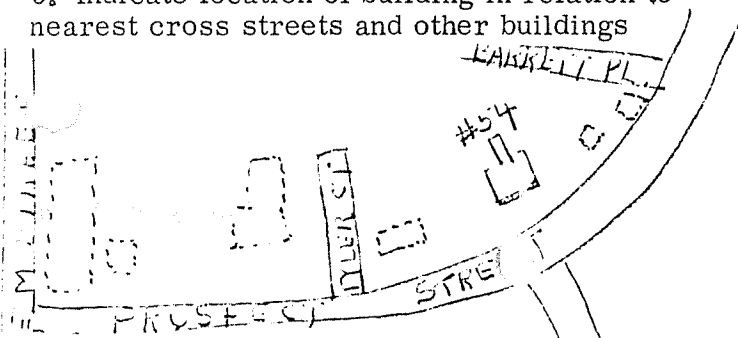
FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament

Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details: pediment and columns

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied cornices over first floor windows

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings



6. Footage of structure from street 100
Property has 300 feet frontage on street

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SEE REVERSE SIDE

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RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

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1. Outbuildings Garden house

Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden; Formal/Informal
Predominant features Apple orchard- Maple hedge garden
Landscape architect _____
originally

3. Neighboring Structures

Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.
Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern

Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

Art Murals depicting history of the house by Prof. Oliver Larkin of Smith College

Government- Col John Stoddard (2nd owner of the house) was sent to Canada to negotiate the return of Deerfield captives which he did successfully. He was 16 times elected to the General Court and called by Trumbull ("History of Northampton") "one of the five great leaders in shaping the affairs of Western Massachusetts."

Dr. Benjamin Barrett who owned the house from 1844 - 1889 was a member of the House of Representatives and the State Senate.

Literature Dr. Josiah G. Holland, a protegee of Dr. Benjamin Barrett, lived in the house; for 17 years he was editor of the Springfield Republican and founded Scribner's Magazine. He wrote several novels and biographies including "Katherine", "History of Western Massachusetts", and a "Life of Abraham Lincoln". He was an intimate friend of Emily Dickinson

Religion The Manse was built by Solomon Stoddard in 1684. He was the 2nd minister of Northampton. During the 60 years he served as minister his was the dominant influence in the town. His grandson, Jonathan Edwards, lived in the house also. "The profoundest thinker in 18th century America" - a "world famous theologian and philosopher".

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Town Records

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RESTRICTIONS _____

Original Owner: Solomon Stoddard

Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____, _____ Registry of Deeds