

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-131

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Town Northampton

Address 55 Prospect St.

Name R. Holmes House

Present use residence

Present owner Myra Sampson and Esther

Description: Carpenter

1908

Source Atlases & S.D.R.

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric stucco

Outbuildings (describe) 1-story garage

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

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

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

5. Lot size:

One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

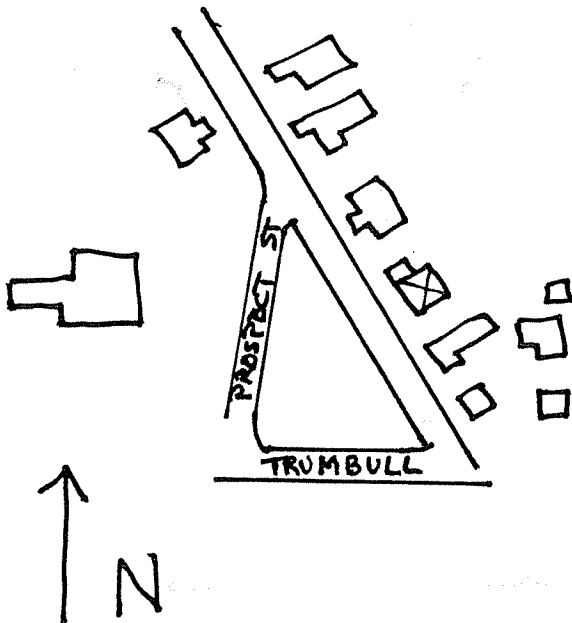
Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Miss Rebecca Holmes

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 for Rebecca Holmes, and associate professor of Music at Smith College in 1908 at a cost of \$6500. The smooth facade, use of windows in bands and crisp outline all mark this house as an early 20th century attempt at formalism in a non-Classical manner. The two-story house has a simple projecting cornice topped by a parapet. The facade has five double windows capped by leaded transoms on the second floor, and a recessed entrance with fluted columns setting off the sidelights, and a band of five windows on the first floor. All of the windows on the house have projecting sills. An ornate wrought iron fence surrounds the property and there is a particular fancy entrance gate.

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

1895 and 1915 Atlases.  
 Northampton Directory: 1905, 1915, 1922 and 1930.  
Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 28, 1908.