

7. Original owner (if known) Rev. L. Clark Seelye

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)

In 1909 the Rev. L. Clark Seelye bought almost an acre of land on the lower portion of Round Hill Rd. and had this house constructed at a cost of \$25,000.

Rev. Seelye came to Northampton in 1873 to assume the presidency of the newly formed Smith College. He had previously been a professor at Amhesst College and during the early 1860's had been pastor of the North Congregational Church in Springfield. As the first president Rev. Seelye provided over the growth of what was to become this country's most prestigious College for women. He retired in 1910 to this house and resided here for his remaining years.

The house is two stories in height with slate hipped roof and gabled dormers. The large front dormer has a stylized "Palladian" windw within. The thrr-bay facade has a central entrance with fanlight and sidelights, and is covered by a semi-circular porch with projecting, pedimented entrance, Tuscan columns and turned balustrade.

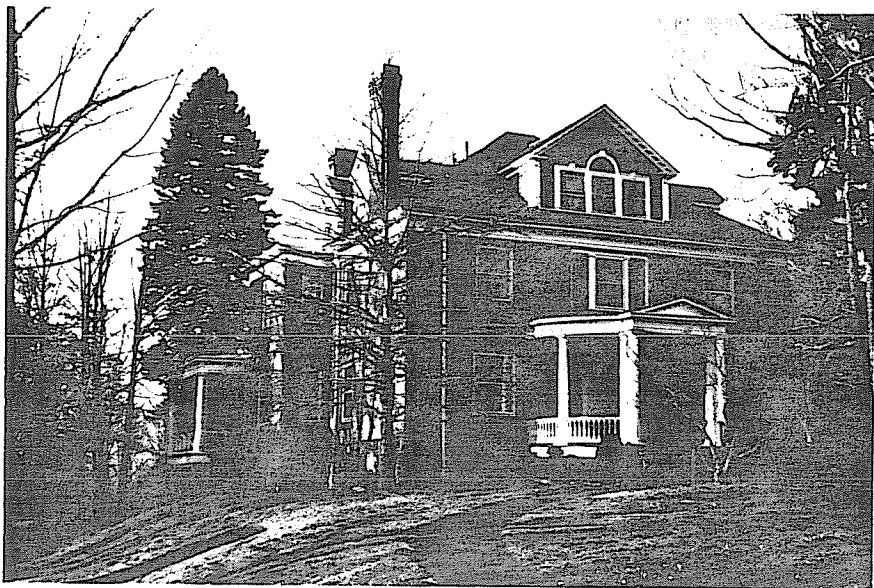
10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

- 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1915 and 1922.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 820-P. 363, 644-469.
- Representative Families of Northampton, 1917, p. 66.
- Springfield Daily Republican Jan. 3, 1910.

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-165



City Northampton

Address 22-24 Round Hill Rd.

Name L.C. Seelye House

Present use residence

Present owner Clarke School for the Deaf

Description:

Date 1909

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas & S.D.R.

Style Colonial Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) —

Other features _____

Altered — Date _____

Moved — Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

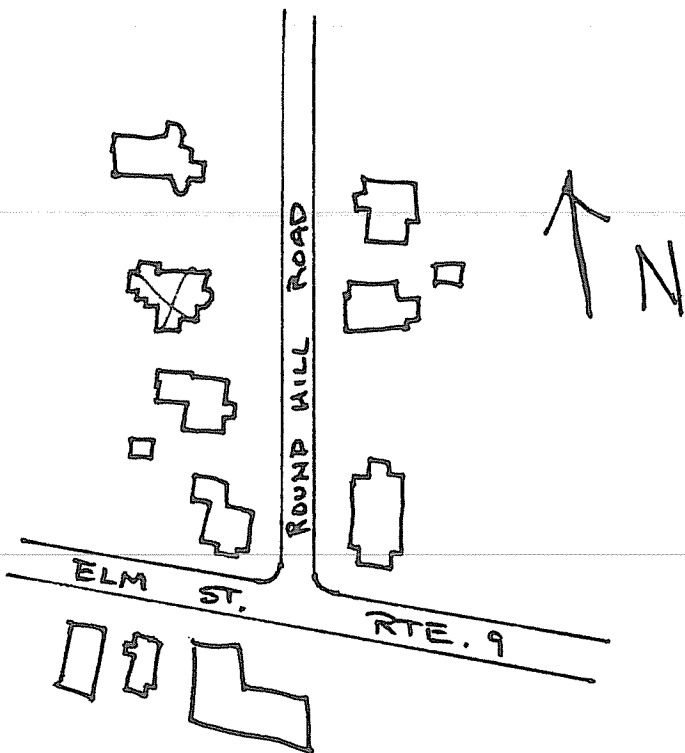
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

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



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