

FORM B - BUILDING

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Area	Form no.
	31B-168

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picture on file at NHC

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Town Northampton

Address 23 Round Hill Road

Historic Name W.B. Hale House

Use: Original residence

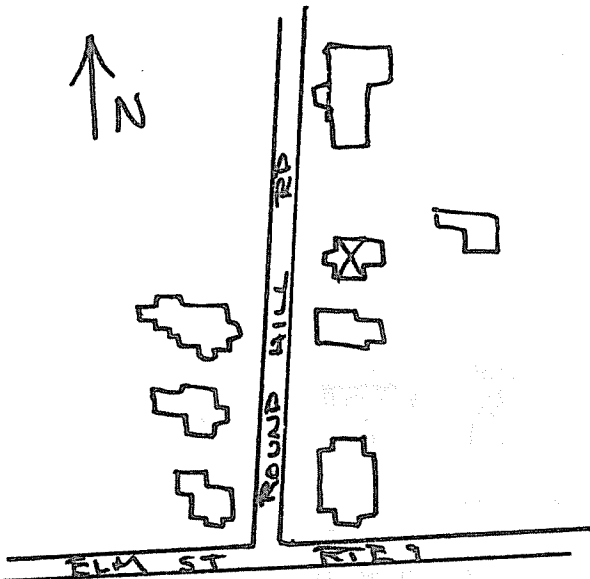
Present residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Clark School for the Deaf
 Public _____

Original owner William B. Hale

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1860

Source Early Northampton

Style Gothic Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved slightly south Date 1880

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting _____

Recorded by M. Peters and E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date 1970 and June 1980



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 Gables"
 nal & present Home- now used
 sional purposes
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 15 Style Gothic Revival
 or "Tudor manner"
 Source of date The Northampton Book
 (Karl Putnam)
 Architect unknown

Literature _____
 X Music _____
 Indians _____
 Other _____
 Development of town/city _____
 Architectural reason for inventorying:
 style and 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 Brick Stone Other _____

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard 10 gables
 Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork _____

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

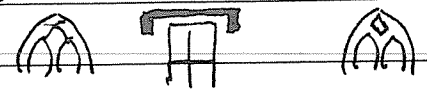
STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed _____
 at rear

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 PORTICO yes Balcony yes

FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament _____

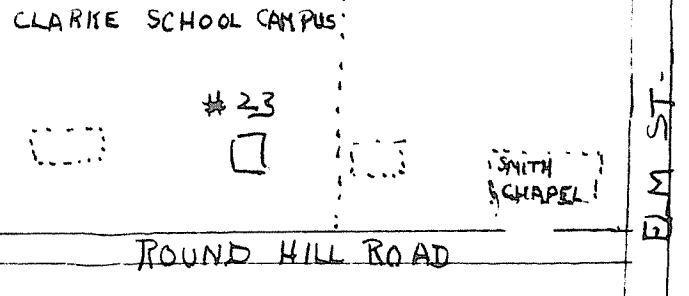
Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details: Portico- 3 arches with columns

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied



Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards brick quoins

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



6. Footage of structure from street 15
 Property has 80 feet frontage on street

Recorder Miriam E. Peters

For Northampton Historical Society

Photo # 72.236 72.237 Date 1970

SEE REVERSE SIDE (e)

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is locally known as "The Gables" and is a Gothic Revival house executed in the "Tudor manner". Humble brick wall are concealed with white paint, giving the appearance of a richer building material. Ten gables in two sizes break into the lines of the roof. Rectangular windows with elaborate architraves and Tudor "dripstones" appear on the first story, while windows with pointed arches nestle beneath the gables and above the entranceway. The central entrance is enhanced by a portico with low Roman arches.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This house was built in 1860 for William Hale. At that time Mr. Hale was cashier of the Hoyoke Bank, this was later reorganized as the First National Bank of Northampton and Mr. Hale rose to the presidency. In 1880 A.L. Williston bought the property and had the house moved south to its present location so that he could have a new residence constructed. The Hale house was occupied by Robert Williston, A.L.'s son.

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