

19 Round Hill Road

7. Original owner (if known) Oliver Walker
 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 large Colonial Revival residence was built in 1896 for Oliver Walker at a cost of \$10,000. Mr. Walker was the secretary and treasurer of the Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and a practicing insurance and real estate agent. Round Hill had long been one of Northampton's most exclusive areas and Round Hill Road was the early means of access. In the late 19th century the southern slopes of the hill began to be developed.

The house is two stories in height with slate hipped roof, hipped dormers and a large pedimented dormer with stylized Palladian window. A frieze with dentils encircles the house beneath the cornice and Doric pilasters are used at the corners. The three-bay facade has a central entrance with sidelights and fanlight, all surrounded by an elliptical arch, and covered by a pedimented portico with Ionic columns.

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

- 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 484-P. 203.
- Northampton Directory: 1900.
- Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 31, 1896.

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-169



1 Northampton

Address 19 Round Hill Rd.

Name O. Walker House

Present use residence

Present owner Smith College

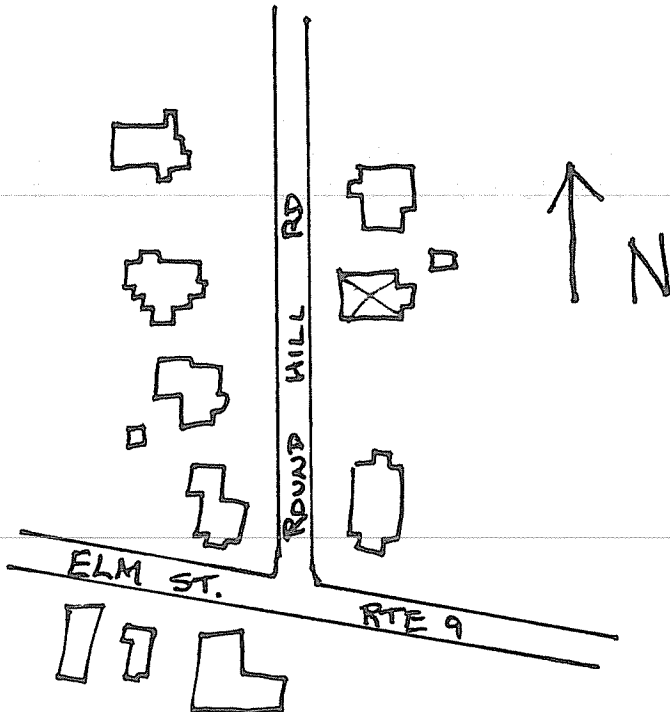
Description:

Year 1896

Source Reg. of Deeds and Directory & SDR

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 pedimented portico with Ionic columns.

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

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