

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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1. Town Northampton

Address Henshaw Avenue

Name Friedman Houses

Present use Apartments

Present owner Smith College

B. Description:

Date 1978

Source Smith College

Style Shed roof modern

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric Wood

Outbuildings (describe) none

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

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: Campus

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

Approximate frontage off street

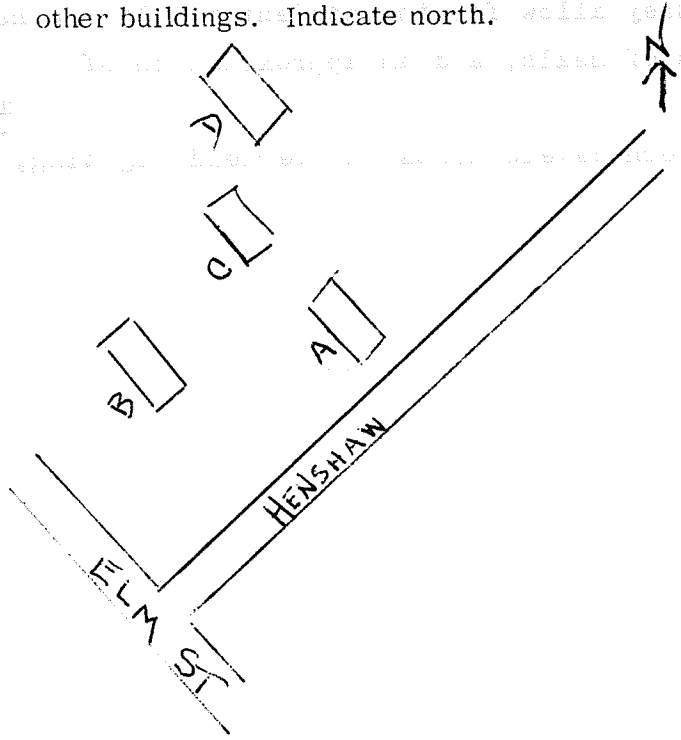
Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. T. Lincoln

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



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7. Original owner (if known) Smith College

Original use Apartments

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u>      </u>	Conservation	<u>      </u>	Recreation	<u>      </u>
Agricultural	<u>      </u>	Education	<u>  x  </u>	Religion	<u>      </u>
Architectural	<u>  x  </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u>      </u>	Science/ invention	<u>      </u>
The Arts	<u>      </u>	Industry	<u>      </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u>      </u>
Commerce	<u>      </u>	Military	<u>      </u>	Transportation	<u>      </u>
Communication	<u>      </u>	Political	<u>      </u>		
Community development	<u>  x  </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

These small student apartment units represent a departure in college student living characteristic of the 70s. A rejection of the institutional characteristics of dormitory housing, they allow for the student revolt against group concentration, permit preparation of meals, and an approximation of small family living.

Architecturally they reflect modern developments in overhead lighting, shed roof line, and a severe planes.

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

Smith College Archives