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	Subsequent uses (if any) and dat	es residence;	dormitory	
8.	Themes (check as many as appl	icable)		
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9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This large shingle style structure is presently used by Smith College as a dormitory; it is located on Henshaw Avenue to the rear of the Sessions Houses, inventoried as the Hunt and Pierson Houses, and is typical of shingle style residences built in Northampton at the turn of the century.

It is probable that the structure was built prior to 1915; the 1915 Sanborn Insurance Maps indicate a dormitory on the site. The parcel known as 10 Henshaw Avenue was in private hands however. Stylistically, the broad low gable and four flowing arches which relate to the Art Deco style first popular in Northampton about 1910

The shingled wall surfaces are broken by a series of low arches at the entrance and by irregularly spaced windows in the second and third stories. The shingles are worked in patterns-semi-circular forms and a prominently placed diamond-and painted in such a way as to divide the facade into broad horizontal bands. Roofs are broad, with gables and dormers merged into their slopes. An addition at the rear maintains the materials and general design of the main dwelling.

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

Sanborn Insurance Maps of Northampton, 1915. Forbes Library.

Atlases of Northampton, 1884, 1895.

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