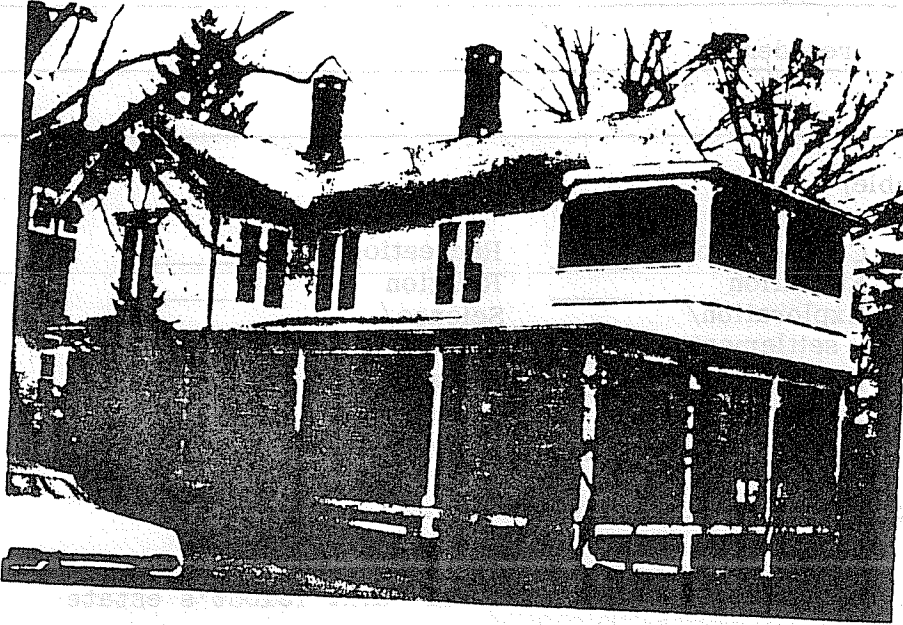


FORM B - BUILDING

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

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|             | 315-200  |



Town Northampton

Address 21 Henshaw Ave.

Identify L. Fitts House

Present use residence

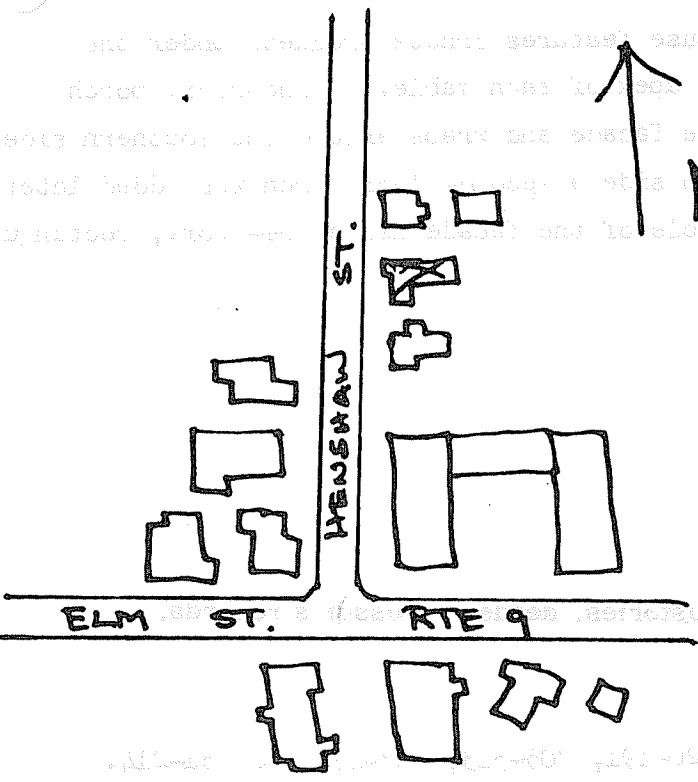
Present owner Smith College

Description: c. 1874

Source Rec. of Deeds

Bracketed

Map in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved - Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

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

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street 20'

6. Recorded by F. Lonerran, C. Dubie, T. Lincoln

Organization NHC

Date March 15, 1976 and April 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Mrs. Lucy M. Fitts

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/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | <u>x</u> |                            |       |                         |       |

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

During the late 1860's the western portion of G.N. Talbot's estate on Prospect St. was subdivided into building lots. These lots were set out along the newly opened Henshaw Ave. Jonas Willcut of Goshen bought lot #5 in 1868 and turned it over in 1876 to Lucy Fitts. It was at this time that the house was built.

This two-story, L-shaped house features ornate brackets under the eaves and elaborate bargeboard trim at the apex of each gable. A one-story porch extends over the southern two-thirds of the facade and wraps around the southern side. It has thin, turned posts. On the southern side a second-floor porch was added later in the 19th century, while the northern gable of the facade has a one-story, rectangular bay.

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

1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.  
 Registry of Deeds: Bk 792-P358, 745-207, 720-191, 705-513, 327-471 and 251-214.  
 Northampton Directory: 1885-86.