

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no. 31B-201
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

17 Henshaw Ave.

Original Name _____

Original residence _____

Present residence _____

Use: Private individual
 Private organization Smith College

Public _____

Original owner _____

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1870

Source Map and Atlas

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric vinyl siding

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

sided- mid 20th c.

Moved --- Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Setting _____

cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.
Indicate north.



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

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories in height with gable end to the street and a 2 and 1/2 story gabled projection on the northern side. A round-headed "Palladian" window is situated in the front gable. A one-story porch covers the three-bay facade. The porch has a flat roof with projecting cornice and frieze, chamfered posts and patterned balustrade. The windows of the house have 2 over 2 sashes and heavy cornices, and there is a one-story bay window on the southern side.

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

During the late 1860's the western portion of C.N. Talbot's estate on Prospect St. was subdivided into building lots. These lots were set out along the newly opened Henshaw Ave. By 1873 five houses had been constructed, including this one. The house was shown with H.M. Burt listed as owner.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.