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2. Town NORTHAMPTON
 Street address 109 Elm Street
 Name Jonathan Hunt (or Sessions) House
 Use: original & present Home - now a college dormitory
 Present owner Smith College
 Open to public no
 Date 1700 Style Colonial

Government Religion/philosophy
 Literature Indians
 Music x Other architecture

Source of date Smith College records
 Architect unknown

Development of town/city
 Architectural reason for inventorying:
 age and style

OR part of Area # _____

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material studdo over brick

WALL COVER: Wood clapboards Brick Stone Other _____

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard _____
 Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork _____

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed _____

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 side PORTICO yes Balcony

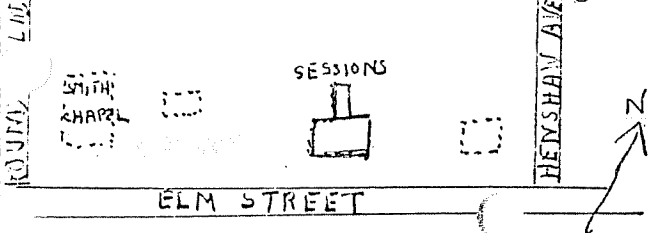
FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament _____

Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details: _____

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied _____

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards (narrow) _____

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings



6. Footage of structure from street 10
 Property has 35 feet frontage on street

Recorder Miriam E. Peters

For Northampton Historical Society

Photo # _____ Date 1970

SEE REVERSE SIDE

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RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

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- 1. Outbuildings _____
 - 2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal
 Predominant features Informal planting in front and on sides
 Landscape architect Smith College
 - 3. Neighboring Structures
 Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.
Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern
- Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated
 college

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

Built by Jonathan Hunt (c 1700) who was the son of Deacon Jonathan, one of the early settlers who came to Northampton from Hartford, Connecticut, in the mid-17th century this house passed to the builder's son, John Hunt, in 1738 and from this time various members of the Hunt family occupied it for over 100 years. Jonathan Hunt's daughter Mary married Seth Pomeroy in 1732.

After this it passed on to the Henshaw (related by marriage) and Hopkins families, then to Sidney Bridgman, the Northampton bookseller, and finally to Mrs. Ruth Huntington Sessions in 1900. Mrs. Sessions ran it as an off-campus house for over 20 years for Smith College girls, and sold it to the college in 1921, since which date it has been called the Sessions House and used as a college dormitory.

It has a secret stairway and passage which served as a hideout in Indian raids, and was considered very safe as the house was, in the early days, far from the center of town.

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RESTRICTIONS _____

Original Owner: Jonathan Hunt
 Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____, _____ Registry of Deeds