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

1. Town Northampton

Address Elm St., Smith campus

Name Northrop House

Present use college dormitory

Present owner Smith College

3. Description:

Date 1911

Source Smith College Archives

Style Georgian revival

Architect Charles A. Rich of New York

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features white wooden trim, dormer windows, porch connecting with adjacent dormitory, Gillett House

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre _____ Over one acre _____

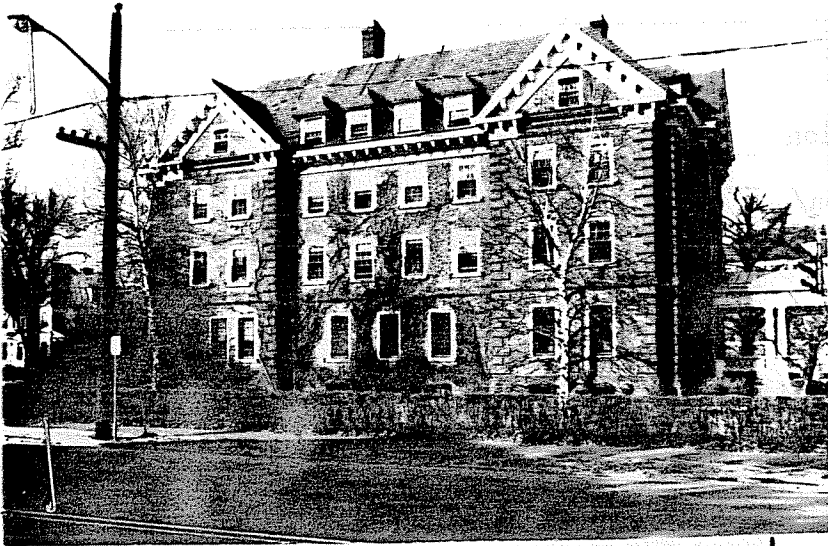
Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

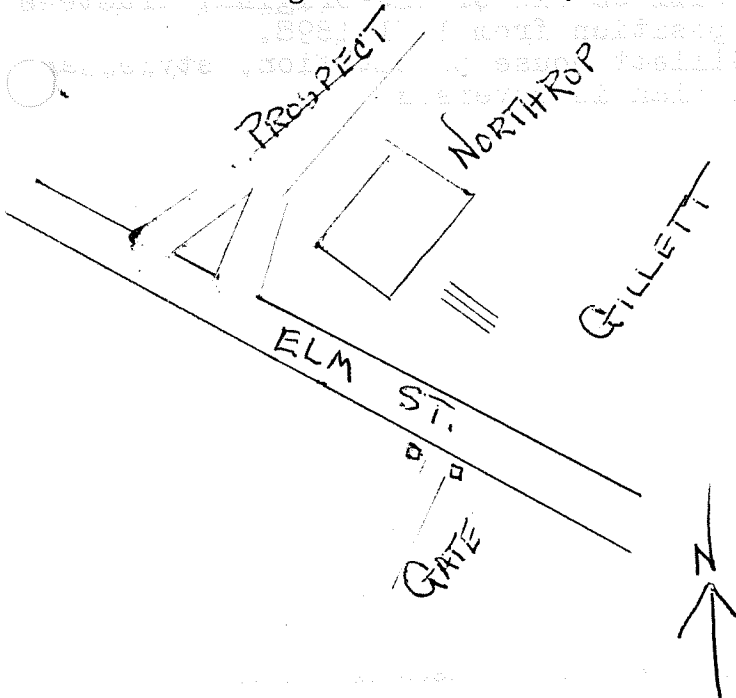
6. Recorded by Robin Stroup

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date March 23, 1977



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



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| USGS Quadrant _____ |
| MHC Photo no. _____ |

7. Original owner (if known) Smith College

Original use same as present

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Northrup House is a four story, neo-Georgian, Smith College dormitory. It was built by Charles A. Rich and opened in 1911. The house named for Birdseye Grant Northrop who graduated from Yale in 1841 and from Yale Divinity School in 1845. He served as a pastor of the Congregational Church in Saxonville, Massachusetts for ten years, as a member of the Massachusetts Board of Education, and as a member of the Connecticut Board of Education. Japan entrusted the education of its first students in the United States to Birdseye Northrop. Like Edward Gillett, Birdseye Northrop was named in Sophia Smith's will as one of the original trustees of Smith College. He served in this position from 1871-1898.

Northrop House is identical to Gillett House in elevation, style, and materials, except that the "L" shaped plan is reversed.

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