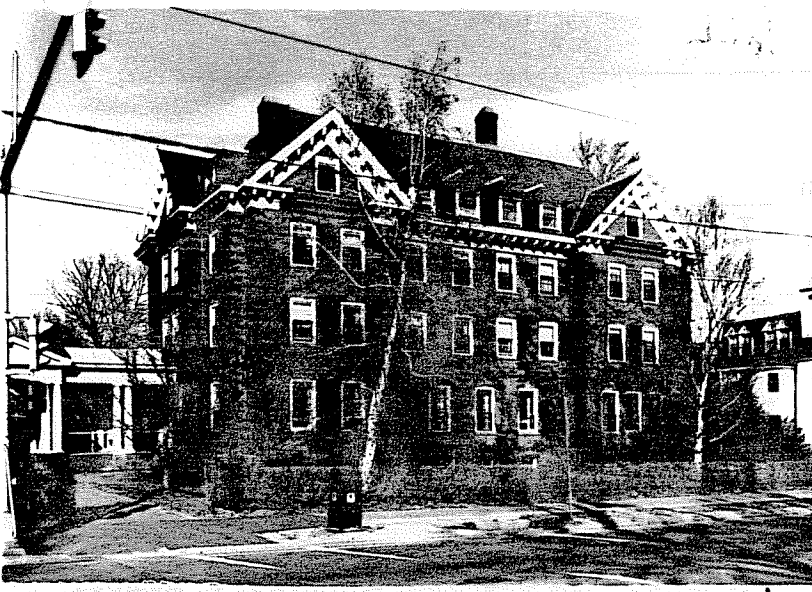


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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



1. Town Northampton

Address Elm St., Smith campus

Name Gillett 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, Northrup House

Altered no Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

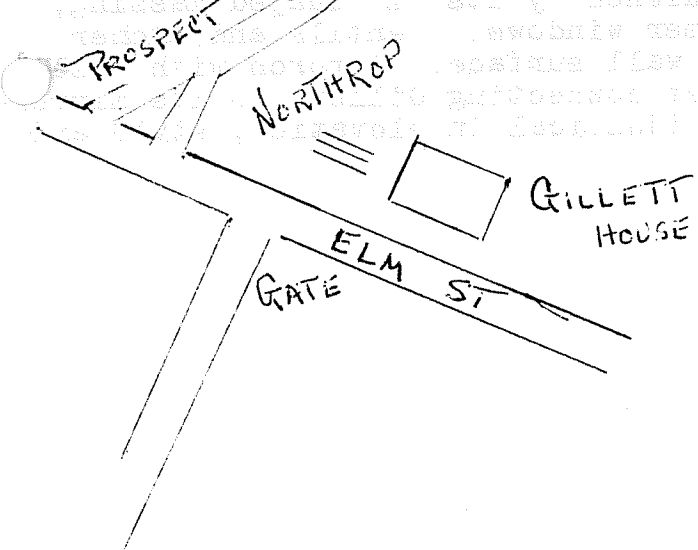
Approximate distance of building from street _____

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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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)

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

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

Gillett House is a four story, neo-Georgian, Smith College dormitory. It was built by Charles A. Rich and opened in 1911. The house was named for Edward Bates Gillett (1818-1899) who graduated from Amherst in 1839, and from Harvard Law School in 1841. He was a prominent lawyer, a member of the Massachusetts Senate in 1852, a member of the State Board of Education from 1872-1878, and a trustee of Amherst College from 1861-1906. Sophia Smith appointed him in her will. He was one of the original trustees and vice president of the Smith College Board of Trustees from 1871-1899.

This red brick building is distinguished by its "L" shaped massing, white wooden trim, slate roofs, and dormer windows. Dentils and corner quoining further articulates the planar wall surface. A porch with Tuscan columns runs parallel to Elm Street connecting Gillett to its mirror-image in plan, Northrup House, which is identical in elevation, style and materials.

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

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