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SSION 2. Town NORTHAMPTON
 Boston
 Street address 45 Elm Street
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 on Name Mary Ellen Chase (formerly
 Burnham House)
 h the Use: original & present Home- now
 side) college dormitory
 Present owner Smith College
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 Open to public No
 tion Date c1810 Style Federal

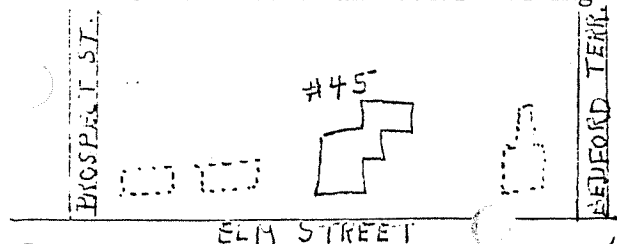
Literature Indians
 Music Other
 Development of town/city
 Architectural reason for inventorying:
 style (especially interior)
 Source of date see Bibliography
 Architect unknown (same carpenter as Dewey House)
 OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material brick and stucco
 back front original front section has
 WALL COVER: Wood clapboards Brick Stone Other bricks beneath clapboards-
"brick lined"
 ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard Mansard roof later addition
 Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork
 CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 6 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate
 STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed several additions- side and rear
 PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 PORTICO pillared front door Balcony yes
 FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament
 Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details: portico with classic columns
 Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied Palladian window over front door
 Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

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



6. Footage of structure from street 10
 Property has 40 feet frontage on street

Recorder Miriam E. Peters
 For Northampton Historical Society
 Photo # _____ Date 1970

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RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

1. Outbuildings

2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal

Predominant features Formal planting around house

Landscape architect Roderick MacLeod and Smith College

3. Neighboring Structures

Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.
Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern College buildings

Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated
College opposite Episcopal Church

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

Standing on a part of what was one of the original grants of land given by early settlers to welcome Deacon Jonathan Hunt, a later arrival from Hartford, this house was probably built in the early 19th century by Elijah Hunt Mills, the last member of the Hunt family to occupy the original land. He was the last of five generations, and was one of four U. S. Senators sent to Washington by Northampton voters. He is said to have presided at a dinner given for Lafayette at the old Warner House here; and with Judge Samuel Howe, established and ran the Northampton Law School (see Capen House). After Mills' death it was owned and occupied by a Thomas Napier who came here from New York in the 1830's, among many southerners who arrived at about that time. He was a slav-auctioneer, an anti-abolitionist, and called "a man of wealth and high society". His opposition to the abolitionist cause is said to have led to the establishment in Northampton of an "underground railroad" station. He is recorded as still living here in the 1840's although the house was then owned by a Mr. Oscar Edwards, and later by John Huntington Lyman. Mr. Lyman sold it to Miss Mary Burnham in 1877 to establish a school for young ladies because of the need felt by the newly established Smith College for better academic preparation for young women wishing to attend college. It remained part of the Burnham School until that institution moved from Northampton to a new campus. In 1968 it was purchased by Smith College and named Mary Ellen Chase House to honor the longtime professor and noted author.

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RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: Elijah Hunt Mills

Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____, _____ Registry of Deeds