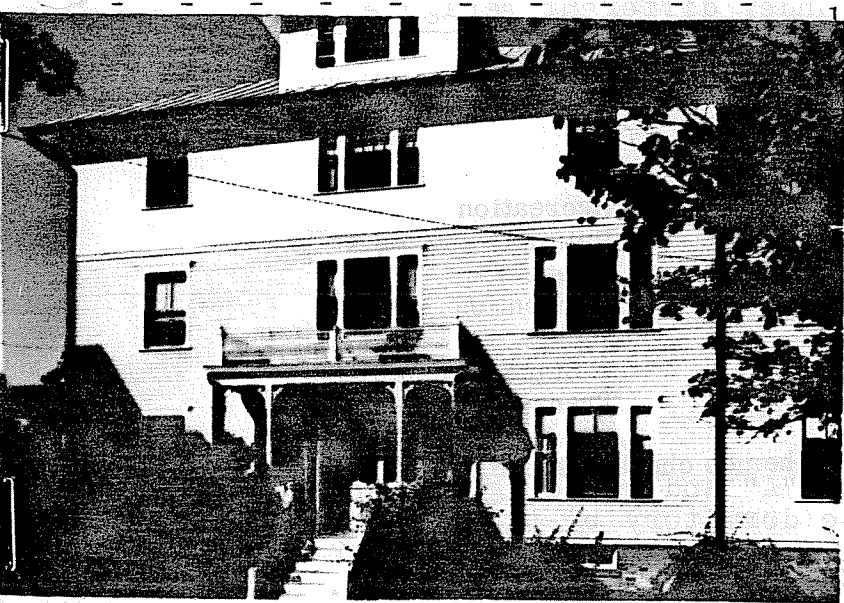


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Town Northampton

Address Smith campus

Name Hopkins "B"

Present use college dormitory

Present owner Smith College

Description:

Date acquired by Smith College in 1921

Source Smith College Archives

Style eclectic

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboarding

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features four stories; dormers; classical detailing

Altered yes, two Date _____
story wing added later

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

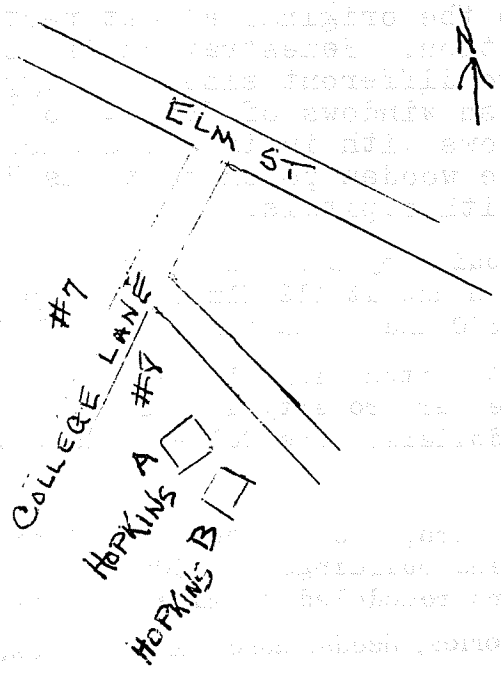
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by Ann Gilkerson

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date March 25, 1977

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



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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) former owner was a private landlady, Miss Maltby
Original use same as present, only under different management

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)

This house, along with Hopkins "A" and the original Hopkins House, was owned and operated as a private dormitory by the New Orleans native, Miss Maltby, from 1890-1921. In 1921, the complex was bought by Smith College. The Maltby group was renamed in 1924 to honor Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hopkins, the first Head of House at Smith. She presided over Dewey House, the first campus dormitory, from 1875-1890. Hopkins "B" was popularly referred to as the "Owl's Nest."

Situated next to Hopkins "A", this annex is also an eclectic building dating from the 1880's. This dormitory is also a four story clapboarded yellow and white painted structure. To the original almost rectangular plan was added a square, two story addition. Fenestration is regular on the facade but irregular elsewhere. Two different sizes and types of facade windows prevail: conventional sash windows of from 4 to 16 panes, as well as tripartite groupings of windows with an inset, diamond shaped pane. The elaborately balustraded white wooden porch contains Victorian jig-saw cut brackets and square posts with capitals.

Hopkins A and B appear to have been built by Miss Elizabeth Maltby when the popularity of her off campus house at 112 Elm Street justified additional buildings sometime after 1890 and perhaps nearer to 1900.

Miss Maltby first approached President Burton in a letter written on November 11, 1916 offering the College her property at 112 Elm and the Look property at 116 Elm for 120,000 dollars. The College did not agree to the purchase until 1921.

Early deeds describe "dwelling house, barn, and all Buildings" 234/307-8
"dwelling house and buildings" 305/82-3

These additional buildings were perhaps remodeled to make Hopkins A and B

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

Smith College Archives

Registry of Deeds: see references to 112 Elm Street, Hopkins House
Book 759 p. 21 Elizabeth Maltby to Smith College
3 houses and contents.