

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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In Area no. <u>C</u>	Form no. <u>31B-247</u>
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City Northampton  
Address 112 Elm Street  
Name J. H. Lyman House  
Present use Smith College dormitory  
Known as Hopkins House  
Present owner Smith College

Description:

Year 1861  
Source Hampshire Gazette, 5/15/1860  
6/4/1861, 12/26/1865

Style Gothic Revival

Architect William F. Pratt

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features mansard with dormers & gables; pointed windows with moldings; elaborate chimneys; porch

Altered addition, rear Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage Smith property

Approximate distance of building from street

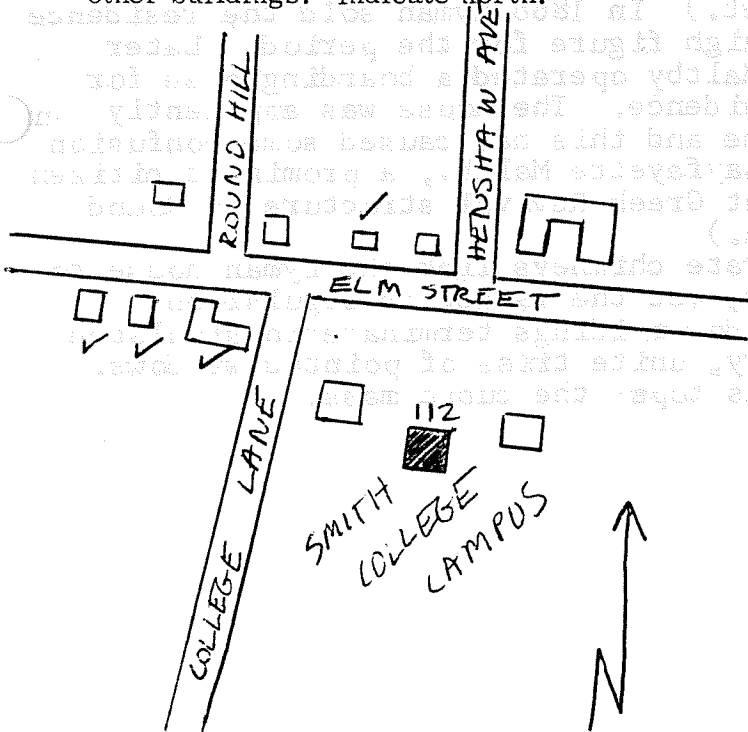
200 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date October 1, 1975

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) Jonathan Huntington Lyman

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence; rooming house (c.1890), college

8. Themes (check as many as applicable) dormitory

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

This gothic mansion was built in 1861 for J. H. Lyman. In 1859 Lyman purchased from Samuel Hopkins the lot "opposite the dwellinghouse of said Lyman" and a year later began building. (Lyman earlier inhabited the 18th century Sessions House and later built a second gothic mansion on upper Elm Street.) In 1866 Lyman sold the residence to Orleana Boker for \$13,000, a high figure for the period. Later in the century a Miss Elizabeth Maltby operated a boardinghouse for Smith college students in the residence. The house was apparently known as Maltby House at that time and this has caused some confusion as to its original ownership. (Lafayette Maltby, a prominent citizen of Northampton, owned an important Greek Revival structure on Round Hill; that house no longer stands.)

Gables, dormers, and elaborate chimneys link the Lyman house to picturesque designs of the period, yet the facade is regular and symmetrical in all respects. Window moldings terminate in simulated dripstones and, in the upper story, unite trios of pointed windows. A gentle mansard pierced by gables tops the cubic mass.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)  
 Hampshire Gazette, 5/15/1860, 6/4/1861, 12/26/1865.  
 Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 133.126, 185.110, 234.307, 293.60, 305.82, 424.97, 517.82.