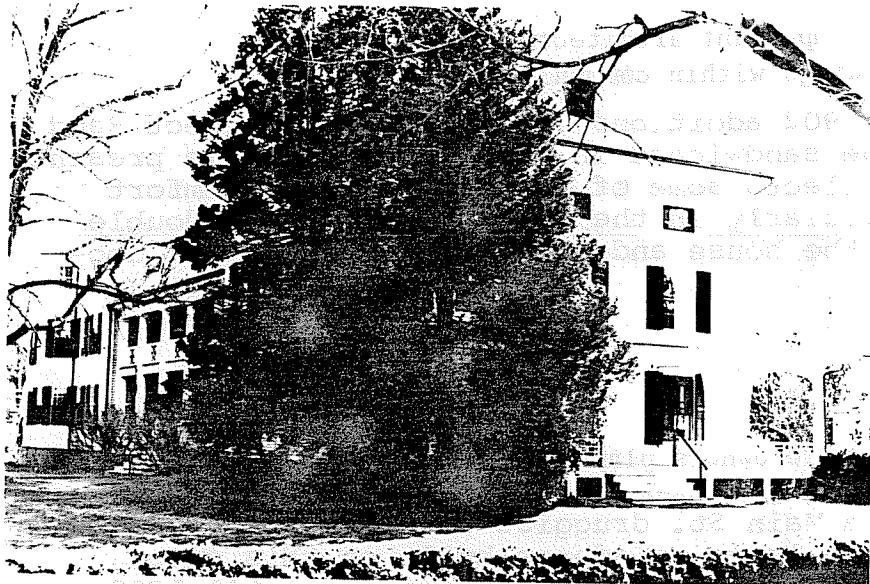


FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	31B-248

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

96 Elm St.

Common Name Haven House

Original residence

Present dormitory

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Smith College

Public

Original owner Charles B. Kingsley

Construction: PTION:

c. 1865; 1902

cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.

Source Reg. of Deeds; S.D.R.

Style _____

Architect R and S. Skinner (1902)

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

new facade and rear addition_ 1902

Moved --- Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting _____

Recorded by E. Lincoln and E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date Oct. 1977 and June 1980



(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

Today one mainly sees the 1902 additions, designed by architect Rand Skinner, with the original house sandwiched in between. The whole presents a pleasing aspect though and reflects some of the elegance and comfort of Southern architecture, particularly in the gracious, pillared double veranda on the eastern side of the house and classical decor in the decorative panels.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

In 1863 Charles Kingsley, a Main St. druggist acquired an acre of land. Soon thereafter he had his large residence built on this site. After Mr. Kingsley's death his son maintained this property until 1899 when he sold it to Smith College. A few year later, in 1902, at a cost of \$25,000 the homestead was remodeled and adapted for student living. It was named by the College for Eliza Appleton Haven who had left the College a large bequest. Although not a resident of Northampton, she had graduated from the College.

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