

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	31C-13

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Town Northampton

70 Paradise Rd.

Name J.H. Pillsbury House

Original residence

Present nurses home

Ownership: Private individual

Private organization Smith College

Public

Original owner Prof. J.H. Pillsbury

Construction: 1886-87

Source Springfield Daily Republican

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard and wood shingles

Outbuildings --

Major alterations (with dates) --

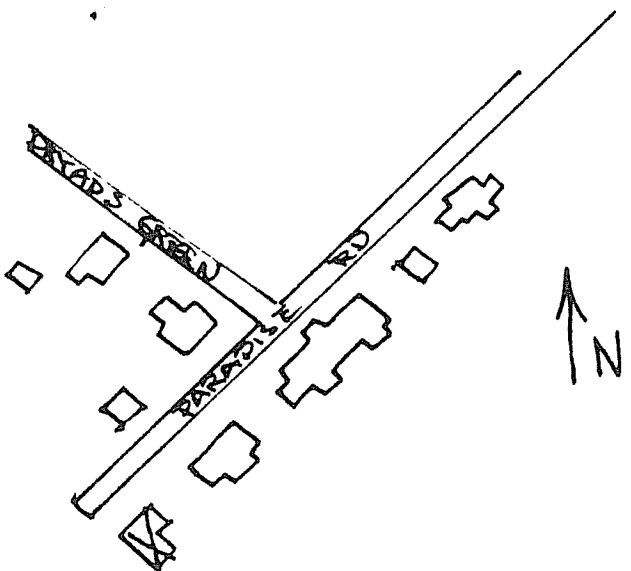
Moved -- Date _____

Approx. acreage Over one acre

Setting _____



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



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Organization NHC

Date June 1980

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

The house is two-and-a-half stories tall with ridge roof and large gabled dormer on the front. The second story of the house is clad with wood shingles, laid in a decorative manner, while the first story is covered with clapboards. A one-story porch with shed roof, gabled entrance, arched openings with turned posts and balustrade covers the main entrance on the facade and is surmounted by a small hipped roof porch with turned posts and balustrade. There's also a porch on the eastern side of the house, similar to the main porch on the facade.

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

Paradise Rd. was laid out during the late 1860's for residential development, but only had five houses constructed thereon by 1884. During the late 1880's though, the entire "Paradise" area underwent development. Over the next 25 years most of the present day houses were built.

In 1886-87 this house was built for J.H. Pillsbury, a professor of Biology at Smith College, at a cost of about \$4000. Prof. Pillsbury soon left the area and the house became property of Smith College. For most of the 20th century, this has been known as "Sunnyside", and has served as the nurses home, with the infirmary located just across the street.

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