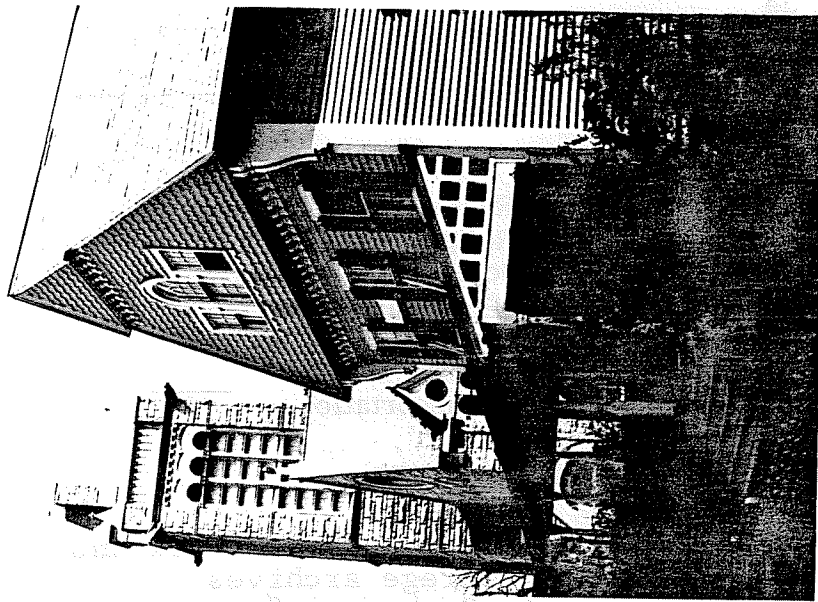


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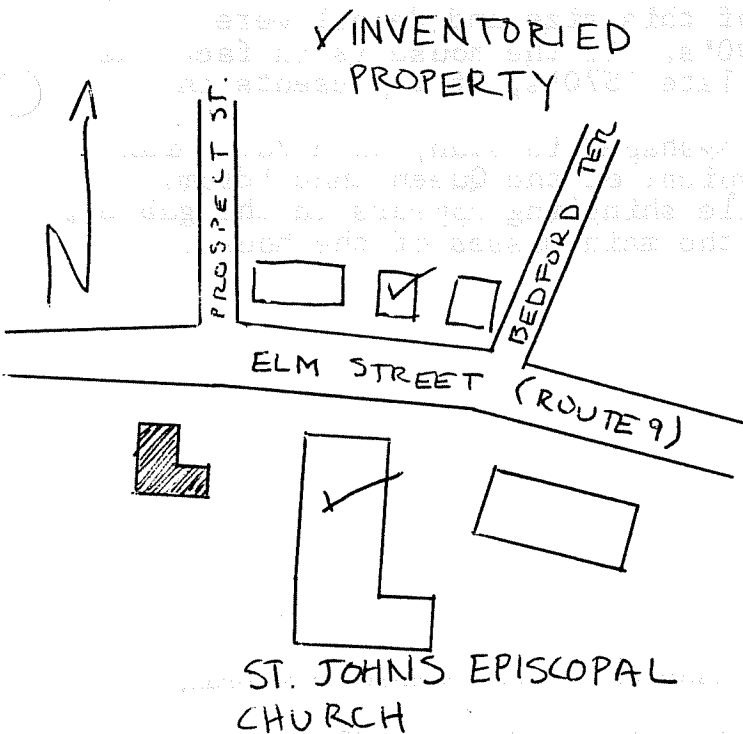
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Northampton  
Smith College Campus  
Clarke House  
Residence Hall  
Trustees of Smith College  
1878 or c.1890  
Smith College Archives/  
general style  
Queen Anne

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



Architect Peabody & Stearns  
 Exterior wall fabric wood-clapboards & shingles  
 Outbuildings (describe) none  
 Other features asymmetrical mass w/ gables, shingles; palladian window in central gable; stickwork porch  
 Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 Less than one acre \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre x  
 Approximate frontage 135 feet  
 Approximate distance of building from street 30 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie  
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission  
 Date May 1976

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7. Original owner (if known) Charles Clarke (?)  
 Original use Residence  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Conservation               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This Queen Anne style residence is located on Elm Street and is now part of the Smith College Campus. College archives indicate that the structure was designed by Peabody & Stearns for a Charles Clarke, whose summer home it was. There is, however, no documentation concerning the architect. A second possibility is that Smith College, which acquired the property from the Clarke Family in 1889, had this residence built on the land at that time.

Queen Anne style dwellings of this size and detail were erected in Northampton in the 1890's. If the house is in fact the work of Peabody & Stearns in the late 1870's, it represents an extremely advanced design.

The wood frame structure is L-shaped in plan, with Palladian motifs and decorative chimneys typical of the Queen Anne idiom. Lower stories are clapboarded while shingling appears in the gables. A stickwork porch extends around the main masses of the house.

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

Smith College Archives; files on buildings.  
 Atlases of Northampton, 1884, 1895.