

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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In Area no. <u>2</u>	Form no. <u>31D-2</u>
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725



1 Northampton  
College Lane,  
Address Smith College Campus

2 GreenHouse

3 Present use Greenhouse

4 Present owner Smith College

5 Description:  
1895

6 Source Smith College Archives

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

Architect Lord & Burnham

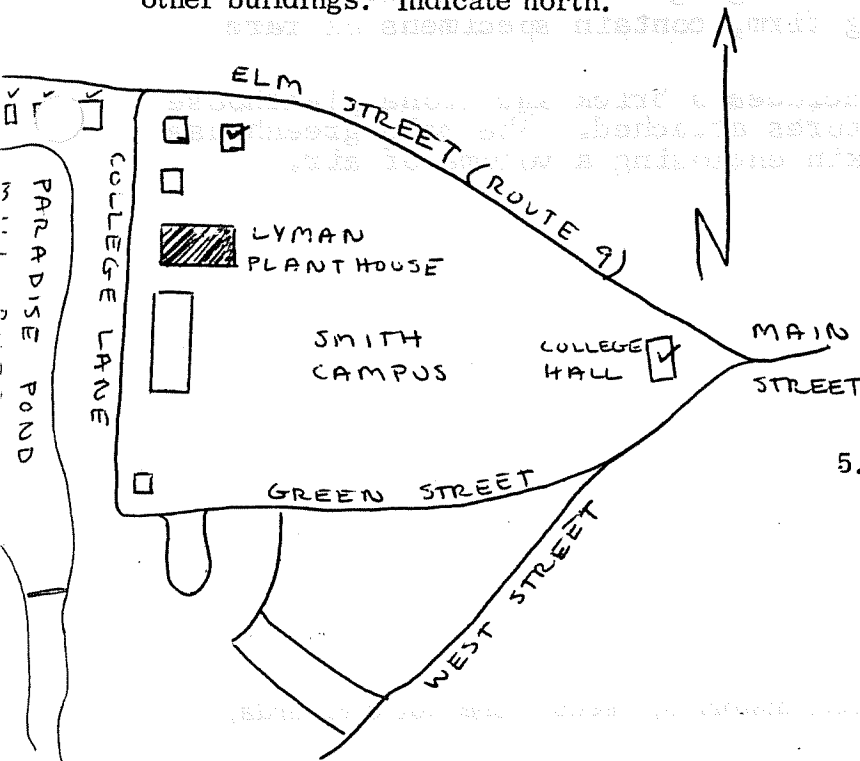
Exterior wall fabric brick/metal/glass

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features brick cottage with greenhouses attached. delicate metal skeleton with glass "skin"

Altered additions Date \_\_\_\_\_

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



5. Lot size:  
Less than one acre \_\_\_\_\_ Smith Campus  
Over one acre x

Approximate frontage Smith Campus

Approximate distance of building from street  
10 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date June 2, 1976

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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Original owner (if known) Smith College  
 Original use Greenhouse  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Greenhouse

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------|
| Aboriginal            | _____    | Conservation               | _____    | Recreation              | _____ |
| Agricultural          | _____    | Education                  | <u>x</u> | Religion                | _____ |
| Architectural         | <u>x</u> | Exploration/<br>settlement | _____    | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____    | Social/<br>Humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____    | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____    |                         |       |
| Community development | _____    |                            |          |                         |       |

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

Smith College was given the Lyman Plant House in 1896 by the Lyman family of Northampton, as a memorial to Anne Lyman. The Lyman family made later donations to expand the greenhouse facilities. The planthouse and attached greenhouses represent one aspect of the College's interest in providing opportunities for the study of botany. The College grounds, originally laid out by the Olmsted Landscaping firm, contain specimens of rare trees and shrubs.

The greenhouse complex includes a brick and stone planthouse with several greenhouse structures attached. The main greenhouse is a metal frame with glass skin enclosing a volume of air.

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

Smith College Archives. Files on Buildings;  
 President's Reports.