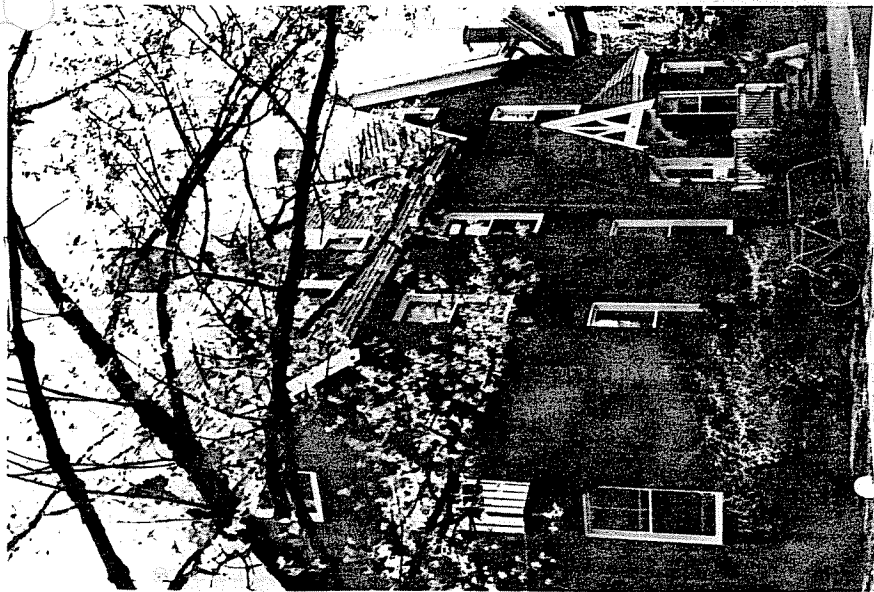


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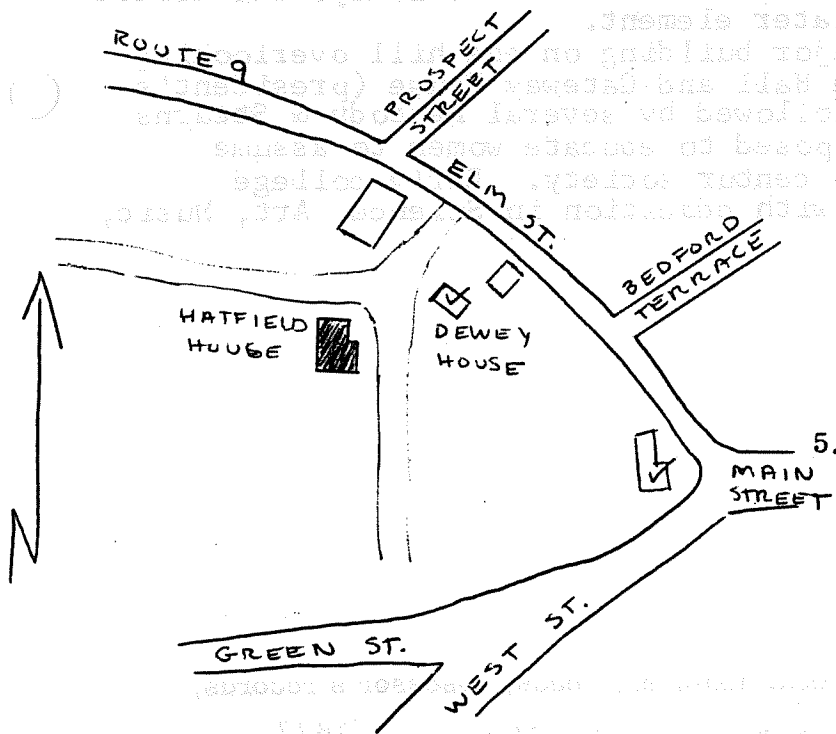
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1 Northampton
 2 Smith College Campus
 3 Hatfield House
 4 Residential
 5 Smith College
 6 1876-77
 7 Smith College Archives
 8 Victorian Gothic

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



9 Peabody & Stearns of Boston
 10 brick
 11 none
 12 3 stories; steep gables and dormers; prominent chimney; stringcourse; wooden doorhood
 13 no Date _____
 14 no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 15 Less than one acre Over one acre x
 16 on Smith campus
 17 100 + yards

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 USGS Quadrant _____
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6. Recorded by C. Dubie
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7. Original owner (if known) Smith College
 Original use Dormitory
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Dormitory

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This cottage known as Hatfield House was erected in the early years of Smith College to house its students. The College apparently attempted to simulate family living conditions by building a half dozen cottage buildings, some of wood and some of brick, on the campus. Hatfield House is a 2½ story, brick Victorian Gothic with steeply pitched roofs, ornamental chimneys, and prominent gables. Narrow pointed arch windows flank the chimney. The hooded hexagonal bay is possibly a later element.

Smith built its first major building on the hill overlooking Main Street in 1874; College Hall and Gateway House (president's house, now demolished) were followed by several Peabody & Stearns cottage residences. Smith proposed to educate women to assume their proper position in 19th century society. Early college buildings reflected concerns with education in Science, Art, Music, and physical education.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) College Archives, Hampshire Gazette, 11/6/1877