

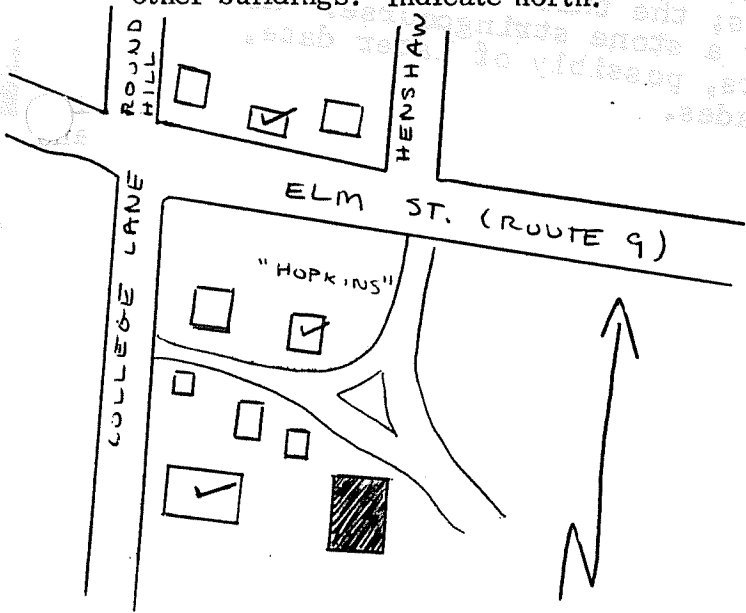
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. <u>2</u>	Form no. <u>31D-8</u>
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Northampton
 Address Smith College Campus
Chapin House
 Present use Dormitory
 Present owner Smith College
 Description: 1902-03
 Source Smith College Archives
Classical Revival

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



✓ inventoried property

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

Architect Rand & Skinner
 Exterior wall fabric brick
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features 3 1/2 stories; colonade supported by Doric columns; brick quoining, stone lintels
 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 Less than one acre _____ Over one acre x
 Approximate frontage on Smith campus
 Approximate distance of building from street 100 yards

6. Recorded by C. Dubie
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission
 Date June 15, 1976

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Original owner (if known) Smith College

Original use Dormitory

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Dormitory

Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Chapin House was built in 1902-03 and named for Henrietta Sheldon Chapin, wife of L. Clark Seelye, first president of the College, who served from the founding of Smith in 1873. Chapin is a large three story dormitory of Classical styling. The H-shaped plan features projecting pedimented sections connected by a colonade two stories in height and supported by oversize Doric columns grouped in pairs. Regular fenestration maintains the overall symmetry of the facade. Windows at the ground floor level are recessed beneath brick arches; the third story windows are set apart from the lower facade by a stone stringcourse. All windows carry stone pediments. Dormers, possibly of later date, are present in the east and south facades.

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