

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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Northampton

Address Smith College Campus  
Lawrence House,  
Morris House

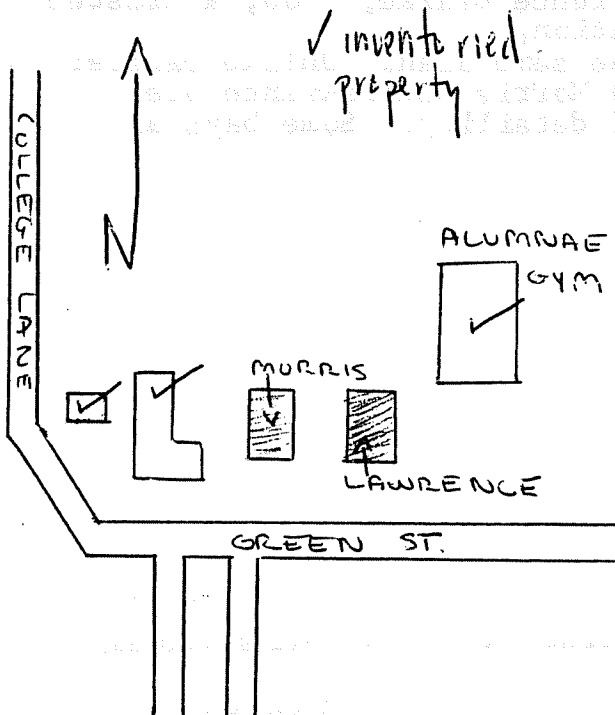
Present use Dormitories

Present owner Smith College

Description:  
1891-92

Source Smith College Archives  
Queen Anne

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



Architect William C. Brockelsby

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 3 stories with gables  
and dormers; bays; wooden porches

Altered dormers added Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. Lot size: Smith Campus

Less than one acre \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 250 feet

Approximate distance of building from street  
100 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

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

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/ Humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

Morris and Lawrence Houses were built on the Smith College campus in 1891-92, a period of expansion of the College. The dormitories were designed by William C. Brockelsby, the College's architect in the period 1883-1893 (roughly). The Hartford architect also designed several buildings for the city, the Academy of Music (1891) and the Forbes Library (1893).

Morris House was named for Kate Morris Cone, a member of Smith's first class (1879) and the first Smith graduate to win a Phd; Lawrence was named for Elizabeth Lawrence Clarke, '83, a trustee and president of the alumnae association.

The two dormitories were built on the same plan. Unlike earlier houses (Hatfield, Hubbard, Washburn) Morris and Lawrence are symmetrical blocks with a minimum of detailing. Some bays and dormers have been added.

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

Smith College Archives: President's Reports,  
Files on Buildings.