

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no. 31D-26
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton
 47 Belmont Ave.
 Name F. King House
 Original residence
 Present residence
 Property: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Franklin King
 Acquisition:

Location in relation to railroad, water, and
 cross streets and other buildings and Date 1913
 or geographical features.
 Indicate north.

Source S.D.R.

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

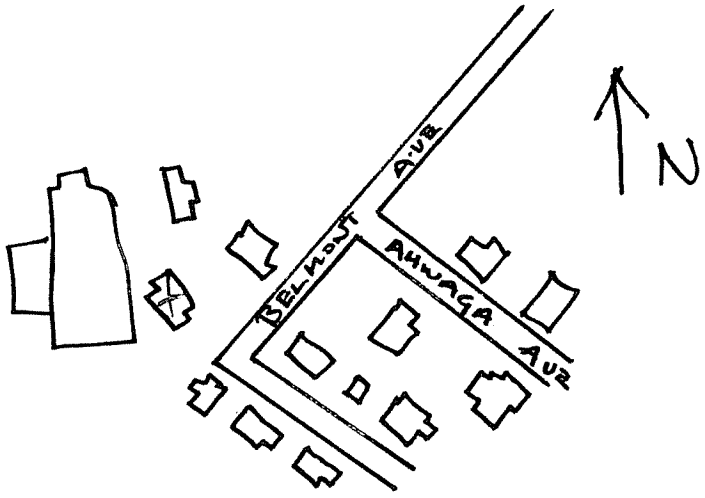
Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved ----- Date

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting



Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date July 1980

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is 2½ stories in height with pedimented end to the street. The tympanum is clad with wood shingles and has a projecting triple window with cornice. A two-story bay enclosing the interior stairway projects through the roof of the eastern side and is topped by a polygonal roof. The front of the house is two bays wide, with a bay window on the second floor over the main entrance of the first floor. The entrance has pilasters and leaded sidelights with the whole surrounded by an ornate molding and capped by a cornice with dentils. A one-story porch covers the facade and is composed of hipped roof with pedimented entrance, double Tuscan columns on brick pedestals and a balustrade.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This house was built at a cost of \$4500 in 1913 for Franklin King, superintendent of buildings at Smith College. Belmont Ave had been opened in the late 1890's through some older homesteads between Green and West Sts. Ahwaga and Arnold Aves. were also opened about the same time. During the early years of the 20th century these streets were built up residentially, mostly with "Colonially" inspired houses.

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