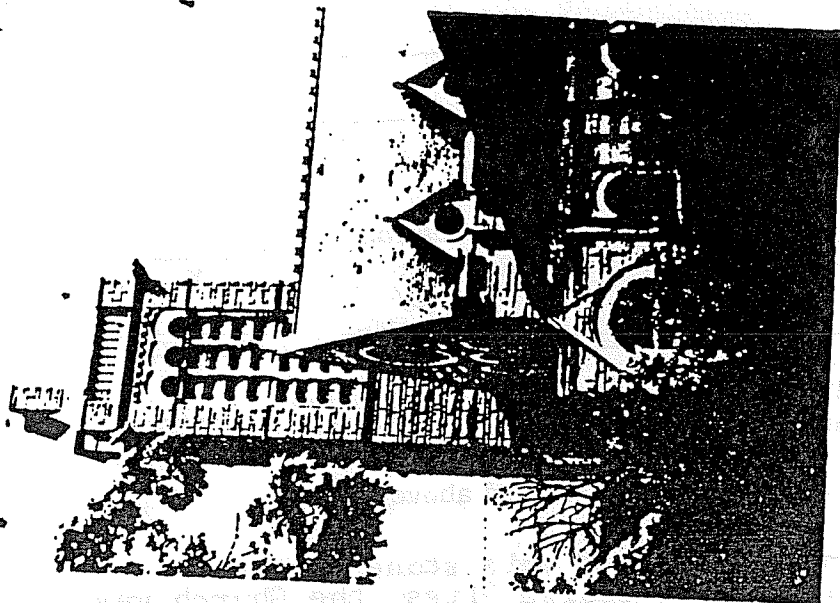


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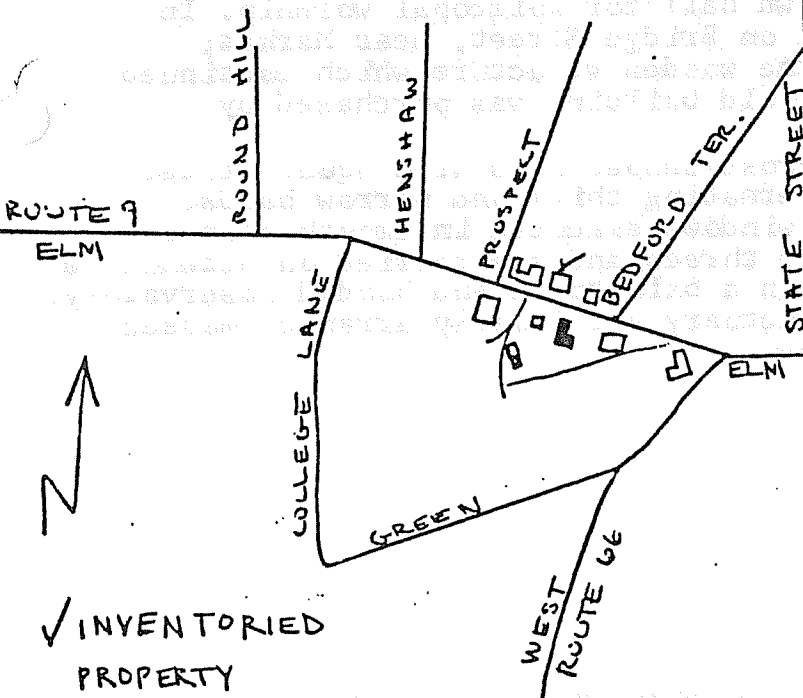
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Northampton
Elm Street
St. Johns Episcopal
Church
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1893
Hampshire Gazette,
5/10/1893
Romanesque Revival
Richardsonian
R. W. Gibson of N. Y.

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. _____

Exterior wall fabric rough face granite
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features rose window, grouped arches; corner tower; arched windows; bay with conical hood in rear.
 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 Less than one acre x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 150 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street 30 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dible
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission
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7. Original owner (if known) St. John's Episcopal
Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Church

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	<u> x </u>
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)

St. Johns Episcopal Church erected this stone church on Elm Street in 1892-93. The gift of George Bliss, the Church was dedicated in May of 1893. R. W. Gibson of New York was the architect.

Episcopalianism first received notice in Northampton in 1826 when Joseph Cogswell of the Round Hill School and others were granted the right to use the town hall for Episcopal worship. In 1829 the first church was built on Bridge Street, near Market; in 1866 W. F. Pratt remodeled the wooden structure which continued in use until 1893. In 1905 the old building was purchased by the congregation B'nai Israel.

The church consists of a cross-shaped mass with square tower. Rough-face stone is laid in alternating thick and narrow bands, with details of the arches and windows executed in smooth stone. Romanesque arches are grouped in threes and are carried on attenuated columns. The tower terminates in a balustrade and hooded observatory. To the rear of the tower and sanctuary are loosely arranged masses housing a parish hall and offices.

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

Hampshire Gazette, 9/25/1891, 5/25/1895, 5/10/1893;
The Northampton Book, p. 155, 387, 391, 393.