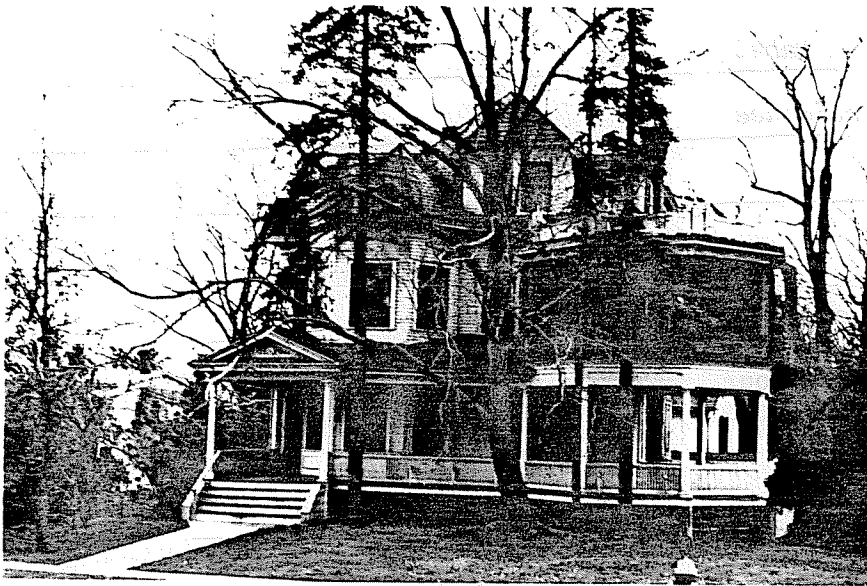


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31D-221

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1 Northampton

Address 70 Old South St.

2 A.W. Clapp House

3 Present use residence

4 Present owner Hortense W. Clapp

Description: 1893-95

5 Source Atlas and Reg. of Deeds

6 Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) 2-story carriage house with cupola

Other features _____

Altered -- Date _____

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

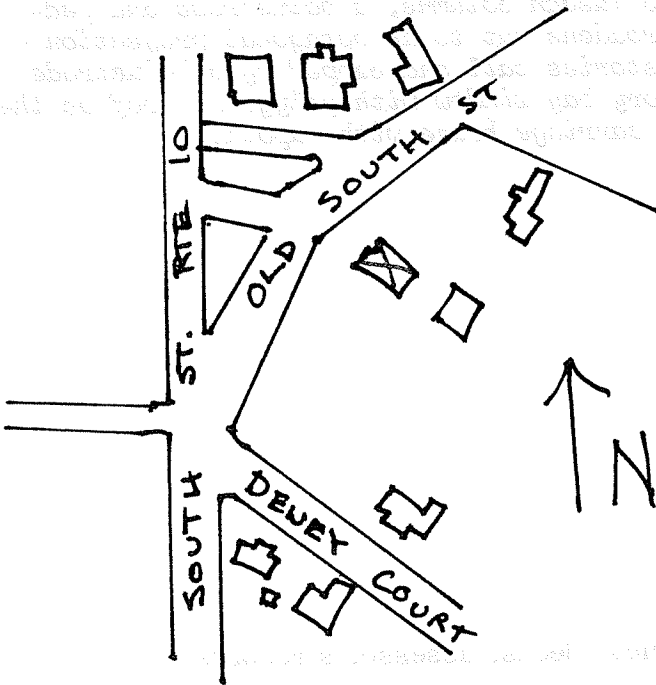
6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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Date April 1980

(over)

other buildings. Indicate north.



7. Original owner (if known) Alvin W. and Mabel D. Clapp

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	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)

In 1893 Alvin Clapp, co-owner of a Main St. meat market, bought the Bliss homestead at the corner of South and Fruit Sts., and had his house erected on the western part.

Basically this is a two story house with slate hipped roof, but there are so many projections, bays, dormers and porches that the basic shape is obscured. Of major interest is the front porch. The porch has Tuscan columns, a balustrade and pedimented entrance with a decorated tympanum and broadens out to an octagonal projection at the southwestern end. Here the porch is two stories tall and capped by a balustrade with paneled newel posts. There's also a two-story bay window with polygonal roof on the facade. In the rear of the house is a two-story carriage house with cupola.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.*
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 457-P. 215.*
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1922.*