

FORM B - BUILDING

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| In Area no. | Form no. |
|             | 31D-222  |

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

Northampton



Address 3-5 Clark Ave.

Present use residence

Present owner Hortense Clapp

Description: mid 19th c.

Source maps and visual evidence

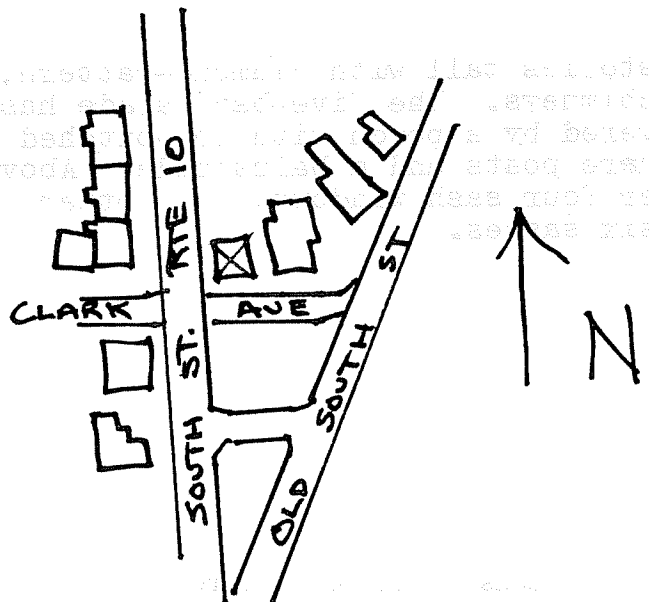
Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

(over)

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7. Original owner (if known) Julius C. Phelps (?)

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal            | _____    | Conservation               | _____ | Recreation              | _____ |
| Agricultural          | _____    | Education                  | _____ | Religion                | _____ |
| Architectural         | <u>x</u> | Exploration/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | <u>x</u> |                            |       |                         |       |

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

This large double house was probably constructed around 1850. The house is shown on the 1854 map and is owned by Julius C. Phelps. The property remained in the Phelps family until about 1890.

Originally the house faced a large open area where South St. curved up the lower slopes of Fort Hill. About 1890 a new elevated South St. was constructed just west of this property, making a more direct connection to Main St.

The house is two-and-a-half stories tall with diamond-pattern, slate, ridge roof and two interior chimneys. The five-bay facade has a double central entrance and is covered by a porch with low-pitched hipped roof, projecting cornice, square posts and a balustrade. Above the entrance are two narrow four over four sash windows. The other windows in the house have six over six sashes.

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

- 1831 Town Map.
- 1854 and 1860 County Maps.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.