

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	32A-81



1 Northampton

Address 34-36 Graves Ave.

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4 Present use residence

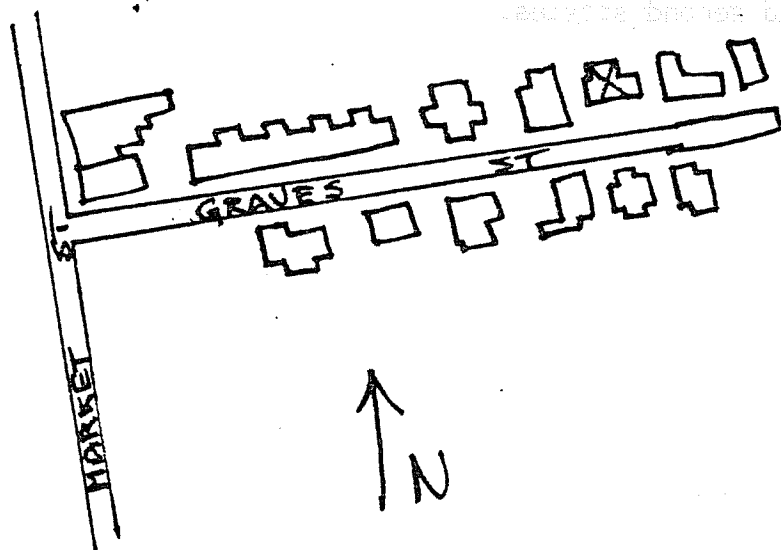
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6 Present owner Michael and Anna
Streciwilk

7 Description: 1891-95

8 Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered -- Date _____

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street 10'

6. Recorded by E Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

Chalres H. Lamb

7. Original owner (if known) _____

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	<u>x</u>				

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

In 1891 Charles Lamb, a principal in the Horace Lamb Wire Mfg. Co. in town, bought lot no. 11 of the Graves subdivision. This plan was for Graves Ave. which was opened through the Graves homestead in 1884. The street was quickly developed and in 1895 the Gazette termed it "our most citified street" because of its rowhousing and double houses. This double house was built before 1895 and has an upper and lower tenement on each side.

The house is two stories in height with ridge roof and has two 2½ story gabled projections on the facade. Between these projections are a hipped dormer with double window projecting from the roof, and a two-story double entry porch. The porch has turned posts, and a spindle frieze and patterned balustrade on the first floor. Scalloped boarding is used in the front gable and as a belt course between the first and second stories.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 446-P. 435.
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96.
- Daily Hampshire Gazette