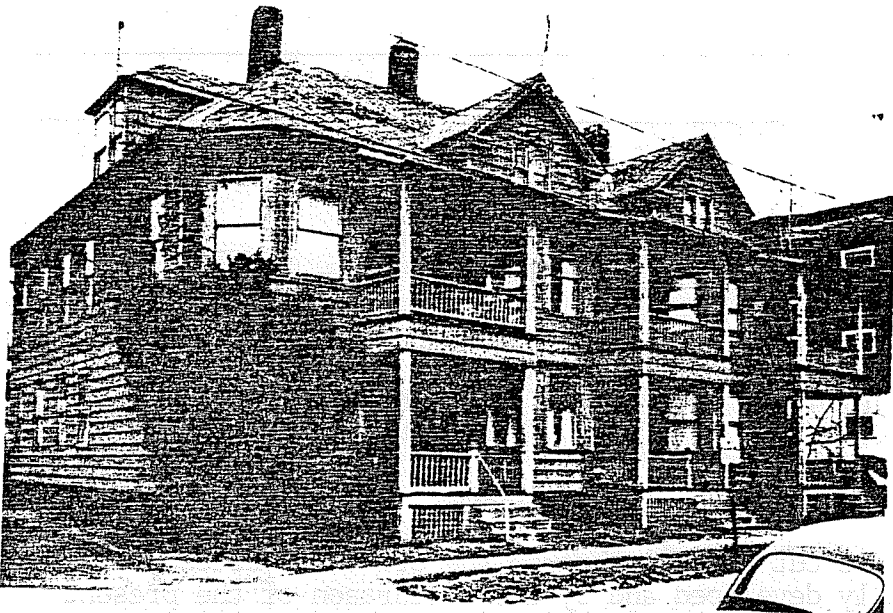


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	32A-82



1. Town Northampton

Address 40-44 Graves Ave.

Present use residence

Present owner Nathan and Ellen Rice

Description:

1894-95

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

Architect _____

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

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered sided Date mid 20th c.

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75'

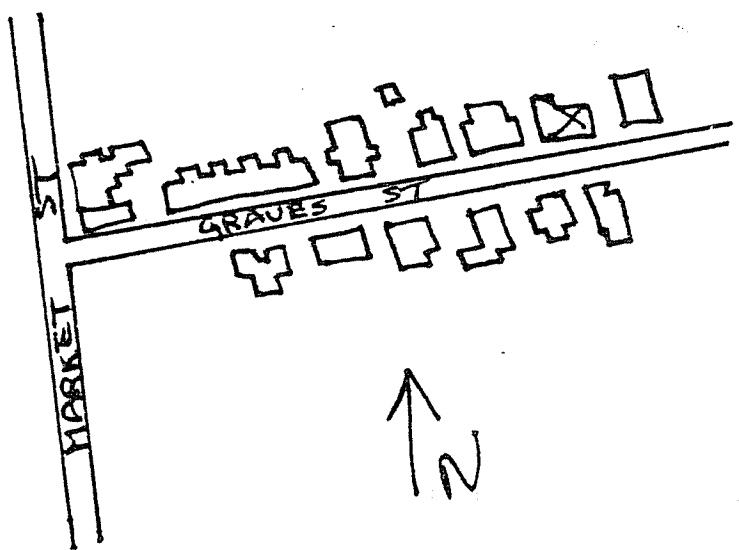
Approximate distance of building from street

10'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John L. Stone

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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)

Graves Ave. was laid out in 1884 through the Graves homestead on Market St. The street was quickly developed and by 1895 fourteen of the present fifteen structures ad been erected. All were residential, and they spanned the range of building types. The Gazette called this "our most citified street" because of the double houses and rowhousing lining both sides of the street.

This three-tenement block was built in 1894 at a cost of approximately \$6000. The house is two stories in height with hipped roof and three two-story bay windows on the facade. Two of these are capped by projecting gables, and one has a polygonal roof. There are also three two-story entry porches on the facade.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 464-P. 83.
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96.
- Daily Hampshire Gazette Nov. 30, 1895.
- Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 29, 1894.