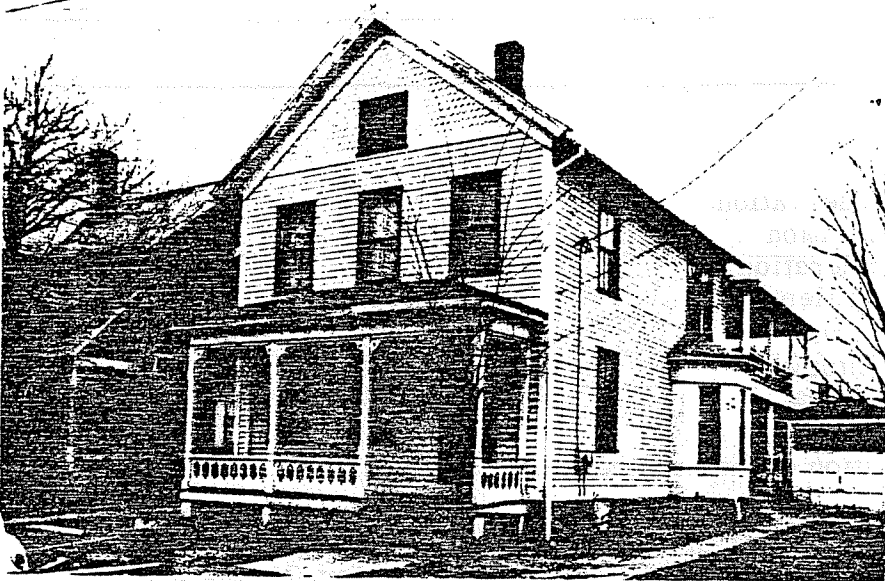


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	32A-87

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Northampton

Address 29 Graves Ave.

Name A. Hancock House

Present use residence

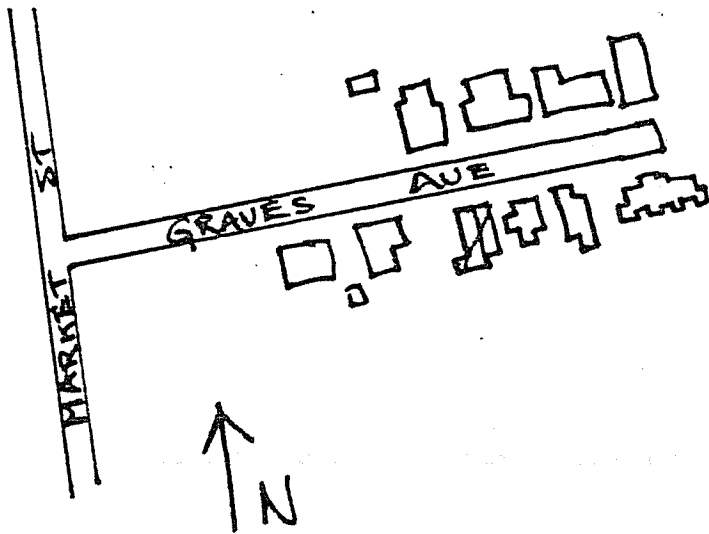
Present owner David Bussler et al.

Description:

1886-95

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

15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Andrew P. Hancock

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)

In 1886 Andrew Hancock, a printer with the Gazette Printing Co., purchased lot no. 10 of the Graves subdivision. This plan was for Graves Ave. which had been opened in 1884 through the Graves homestead on Market St. By 1895 fourteen of the present fifteen houses had been erected, and they spanned the range of residential types leading the Gazette to proclaim this "our most citified street". This house is one of four single family houses on the street.

The house is 2½ stories in height with gable end to the street. The front gable is covered with scalloped boarding and contains a small double window. The three-bay facade is covered by a one-story porch with hipped roof, chamfered posts and perforated brackets, and a patterned balustrade. On the western side of the house is a one-story bay window

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

1884 and 1895 Atlases.
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 400-P. 473.
Northampton Directory: 1895-96.