

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	32A-90



1. Northampton

Address 11-13 Graves Ave.

City Northampton

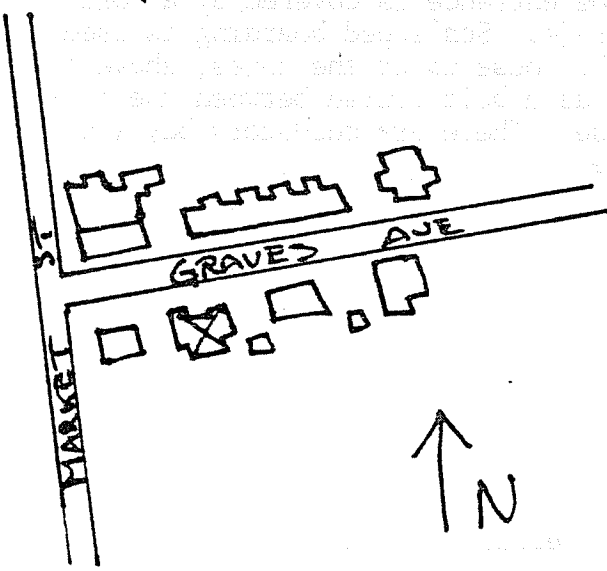
Present use residence

Present owner James Pieri and Phyllis

Description: 1887  
Woolf

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas  
& S.D.R.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

(over)

Napoleon Petit

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 1884 a subdivision plan was filed for Graves Ave. Lots were sold for residential development, and in 1886 Napoleon Petit bought lot no. 4 for \$900. The next year he had this double house built at a cost of \$3200. Mr. Petit may have been the builder himself, but the property was foreclosed on soon afterwards and sold in 1893 to George Dragon, a barber. This is the first of three double houses in a row on this side of Graves Ave.

This house is 2 stories in height with ridge roof and two 2½ story gabled projections on the facade. Between these are a gabled dormer on the roof and a double entrance on the first floor. The entrance is covered by a porch with shed roof, turned posts and patterned balustrade. Scalloped boarding is used in all of the gables, and as a frieze encircling the house under the eaves, above the second floor windows. Saw-tooth boarding is used as a belt course between the first and second stories and likewise encircles the house. There are one-story bay windows on the eastern and western sides of the house.

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. 91, 403-14.
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1895-96.
- Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 31, 1887.