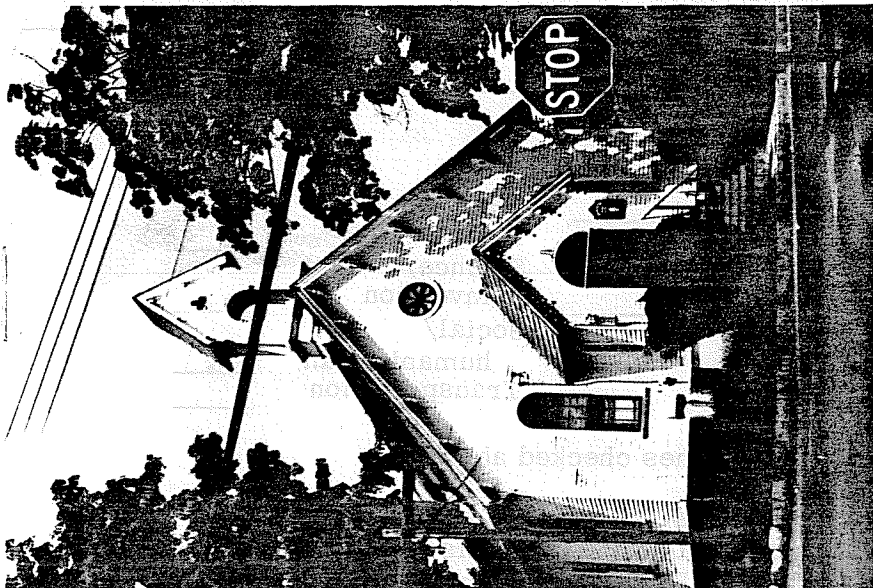


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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1. Northampton

Address 37 1/2 Chapel Street

Neighborhood Northampton Grange

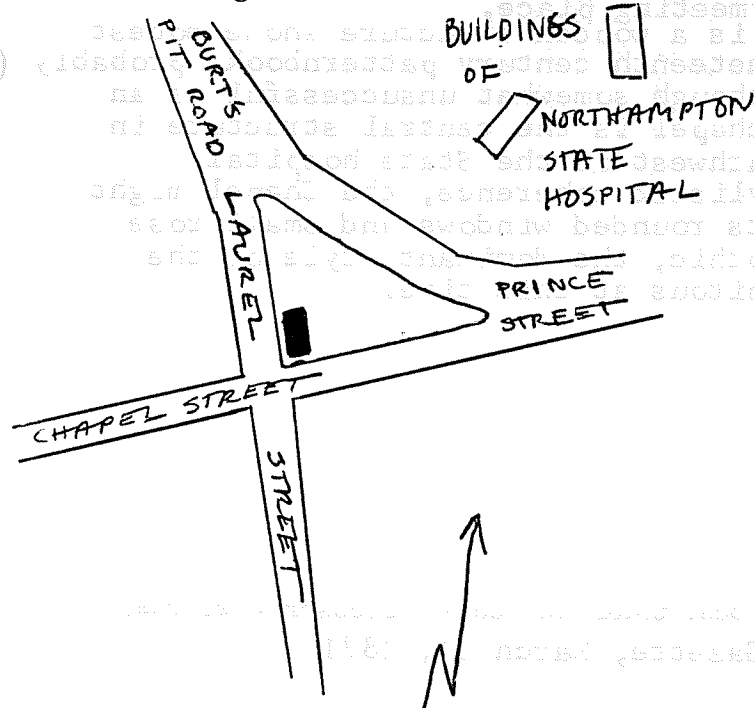
Present use Grange meetingplace

Present owner Northampton Grange

Description: _____

1871
Hampshire Gazette
Source March 21, 1871
lifted from a patternbook

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



Architect Wm. F. Pratt

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features brackets; round headed windows; wheel window in gable; belfry.

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 50 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 15 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date August 30, 1975

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7. Original owner (if known) Chapel Association

Original use Chapel

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Mission 1930-1950; Northampton Grange 1955.

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

The Hospital Hill Chapel was designed and built in 1871; local architect Wm. F, Pratt supplied the plans for the chapel building. Used by members of the First Church downtown and by residents of Hospital Hill working at the State Hospital, the Chapel was an active site of worship until 1930. After that time, Smith College students conducted a mission in the old chapel. In 1955, the Patrohs of Husbandry (Grange) #138 acquired the building for a meeting place.

The Hospital Hill Chapel is a wooden structure whose modest styling was drawn from a nineteenth century patternbook, probably of church architecture. Although somewhat unsuccessful as an architectural project, the chapel is the central structure in the small village to the southwest of the State hospital property. Lacking great stylistic coherence, the Chapel might be termed "Romanesque" as its rounded windows and small rose window divorce it from the gothic, the dominant style of the period. Brackets were ubiquitous at this time.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Daily Hampshire Gazette, March 21, 1871