

# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number    USGS Quad    Area(s)    Form Number

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**Town:** Northampton

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

## Photograph



**Address:** 48 Audubon Road

**Historic Name:** Abram and Julia Tacy House

**Uses:** Present: single-family residence

Original: single-family residence

**Date of Construction:** 1873-1884

**Source:** atlases

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: brick

Wall/Trim: clapboards and shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Garage

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

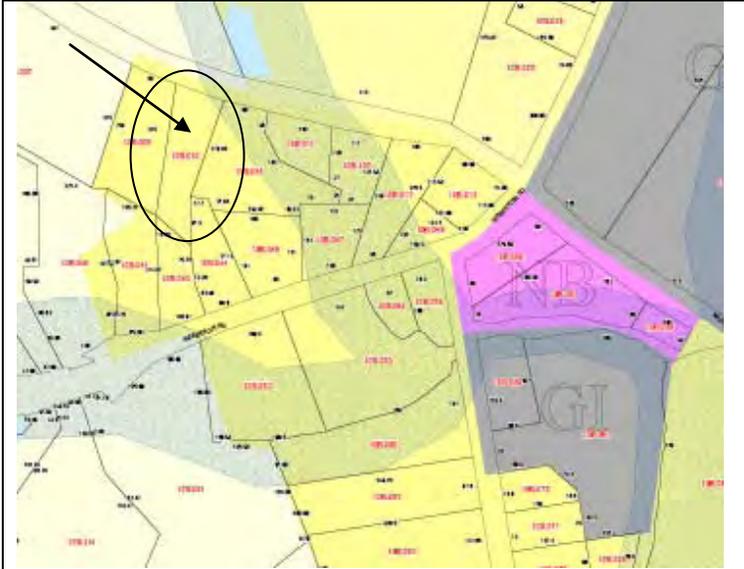
**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no | x | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 0.601 acres (Northampton Assessors)

**Setting:** This is a north-facing house set on a rise in the landscape. It is on a still-rural road in northwest Northampton.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Bonnie Parsons

**Organization:** PVPC

**Date** (*month / year*): March, 2010

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

[NORTHAMPTON]

[48 AUDUBON ROAD]

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This is a fine example of a one-and-a-half story Queen Anne style house that is modest in size but conveys many of the features of the developed Queen Anne style. It is one of several examples of the style on Audubon Road, and all are well-maintained. It has a front-gable roof and is three bays wide and three deep. The clapboard sided house has shingles in its gable field and a stringcourse between first and second stories to add visual interest to the exterior. Barge boards decorate the eaves of the front gable and include a King Post truss at the point of the ridge. A full width porch crosses the north façade of the house. It is supported on chamfered posts on plinths and has scroll-cut brackets at the shed roof eaves. It railing is jigsaw cut as well and there is a decorative apron beneath the porch that adds to the picturesque effect of the porch. A three-sided bay window on the east elevation of the house is followed by a shed roof side porch that has been glass-enclosed. The house has a single center chimney. Window sash is 1/1 replacement.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

In 1895 this was the A. Tacy House. Abram and Julia Tacy and their children Frederick, Alonzo, Mary, Wilfred and Lea by the census of 1900 were living on South Main Street in Leeds but were in this house in 1895. In 1893 Abram was a fireman for the Northampton Silk Company and in 1900 he listed himself as a 54 year old electric power manager, Julia was at home, Frederick was a saw mill laborer, Alonzo a milk peddler, Mary and Wilfred were in School and Lea at home. They are representative of many of the families in Leeds who worked in the local industries, changed employment fairly often and lived in modest homes.

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