

FORM B – BUILDING

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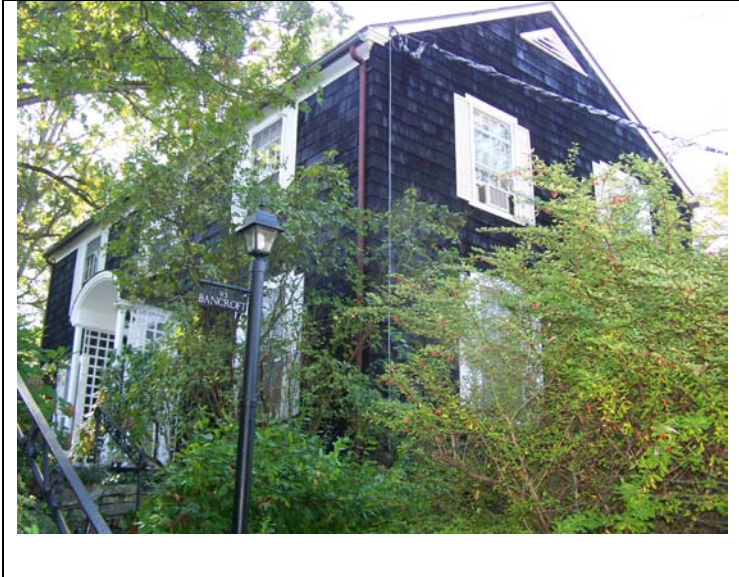
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Northampton

Place: (neighborhood or village)

Photograph



Address: 93 Bancroft Road

Historic Name: Edward and Anna Finn House

Uses: Present: Single-family house

Original: Single-family house

Date of Construction: ca. 1925

Source: Street Directories

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: not visible

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates):

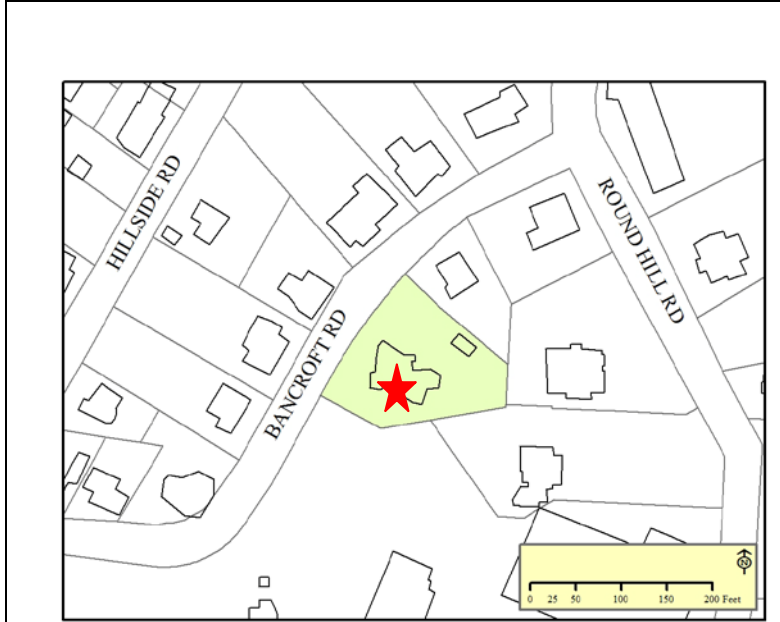
Condition: good

Moved: no | x | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.262 acres

Setting: This house is placed on a steep lot high above the level of Bancroft Road. It is reached by stairs at the east and west sides of the house.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: Bonnie Parsons

Organization: Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Date (month / year): April, 2011

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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 two-story house that has a side-gable roof. It is late Colonial Revival in style and is modest in size and details. It is three bays wide and two bays deep and its basement is exposed on the north elevation where the land slopes away. On that elevation at basement level is an attached garage. It is an integral part of the house and reflects people's commitment to owning a car and their interest in having their cars handy to the house. The Colonial Revival house has clipped gable eaves and shallow front eaves. Its center entry is through a barrel-vaulted portico on posts with lattice sides. This is a feature that was popular during the 1920s and 30s.

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.

This house appears to have been built by Edward and Anna Finn who owned the E & J. Cigar Company on Main Street in Northampton. They appear in the directory of 1930 but there was no house of this address in 1920. The Finns were here through 1940 when their son Edward, Jr. lived nearby at 2 Bancroft Road and was a part of the business. The E. & J. Cigar Company expanded from selling tobacco and candy to a wholesale tobacco company that was incorporated and sold through vending machines by 1950. Edward Finn was president of the company and his son was its Vice President. Company offices were at 15 Conz Street.

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible Eligible only in an historic district
- Contributing to a potential historic district Potential historic district

Criteria: A B C D

Criteria Considerations: A B C D E F G

Statement of Significance by Bonnie Parsons

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

This property would contribute to a potential Round Hill Historic District. This potential historic district is significant according to criteria A and C and would have local significance.

The residential streets that cross Round Hill are significant according to criterion A for their reflection of development in Northampton from the early 19th century (1807) through the 1950s. Residential development began on Round Hill with the establishment of gentleman’s estates but grew with schools and a resort hotel until the 1890s when residential development increased significantly. From the 1890s through the 1950s (1959 McAlister Infirmary) Round Hill became home to Northampton’s wealthy and to the Clarke School for the Deaf.

Architecturally this area of Northampton is significant for the range of residential architectural styles including the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival, and for its institutional buildings in the French Second Empire, through High Victorian Gothic and Colonial Revival styles ending with the American International style. The potential district has integrity of workmanship, design, feeling, association, and materials.