

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	326

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

see attached map

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date July, 1985

Williamstown Quadrangle

UTM reference: 18/653340/4728950

(Staple additional sheets here)

Town North Adams MRA

Address 365 West Main Street

Historic Name Crowley House

Use: Present Apartment

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1830

Source stylistic details

Style Greek Revival/Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Aluminum siding

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Aluminum siding added over clapboard.

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than one acre

Setting The house is located on the western side of North Adams on what remains of the main east-west highway through the city (Rt. Behind the house are 19th century mills and the Hoosac River.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Crowley House is architecturally distinguished as a locally rare surviving example of transitional Federal-Greek Revival style design. In plan the house is characteristically Greek Revival in style, with a central section, its full pediment facing the street, and two flanking wings. (The wings, however, are not fully symmetrical.) All three entrances are trabeated with Doric pilasters supporting an entablature. In addition, there are Greek fret moldings around the main entrance. The lunette in the gable end and the rather thin, delicate moldings, however, suggest a carpenter more practiced in the older Federal style. The newell post for the central staircase is also (continued below)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Nothing is known about the early history of this house. It is evidently one of the oldest surviving buildings of architectural distinction in the city. The first known owner, Monroe Temple, was an architect-builder whose Downingesque cottage is located in the Blackinton Historic District. Temple lost this property, and his home in Blackinton, through debt in the 1860s. Both properties were sold to John A. Doane. Later owners were Edmund Rice and Henry A. Tower. David Crowley, a cloths finisher in the mills, owned this house from 1884 until the early part of this century. It is not known if he lived in this house, which appears to have a long history as a rental property.

Criteria for Evaluation

The Crowley House retains integrity of setting, design, location, and feeling, and association. A rare early survivor of a transitional architectural style, the Crowley House fulfills Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Record of Deeds, Adams, MA
 County Atlas of Berkshire County, MA, F.W. Beers NY, 1876
Atlas of the Towns of North Adams, Adams & Williamstown, D.L. Miller, NY, 1894

Architectural Significance; cont'd
 suggestive of Federal period architecture.

Despite its aluminum siding, this house is important as an unusual example of early nineteenth-century architecture in North Adams.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name North Adams MRA
State Berkshire Co., MASSACHUSETTS

Cover _____ accept up 5,

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | No. | Property | Notes | Keeper | Attest |
|-----|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Monument Square Historic District (B.I) | Entered in the National Register | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 2. | Church Street-Caddy Hill Historic District (B.I) | Entered in the National Register | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 3. | Blackinton Historic District | Entered in the National Register | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 4. | Freeman's Grove Historic District | Entered in the National Register | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 5. | Normal School Historic District | Entered in the National Register | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 6. | Armstrong House | Entered in the National Register | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 7. | Arnold Print Works | Substantive Review | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 8. | Boardman (The) | Entered in the National Register | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 9. | Browne, Charles, House | Entered in the National Register | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 10. | Crowley House | Entered in the National Register | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

85003414

Crowley House (North Adams MRA)
Bershire County
MASSACHUSETTS

SEP 12 1985

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 10/10/85 10/27/85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10-25-85
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

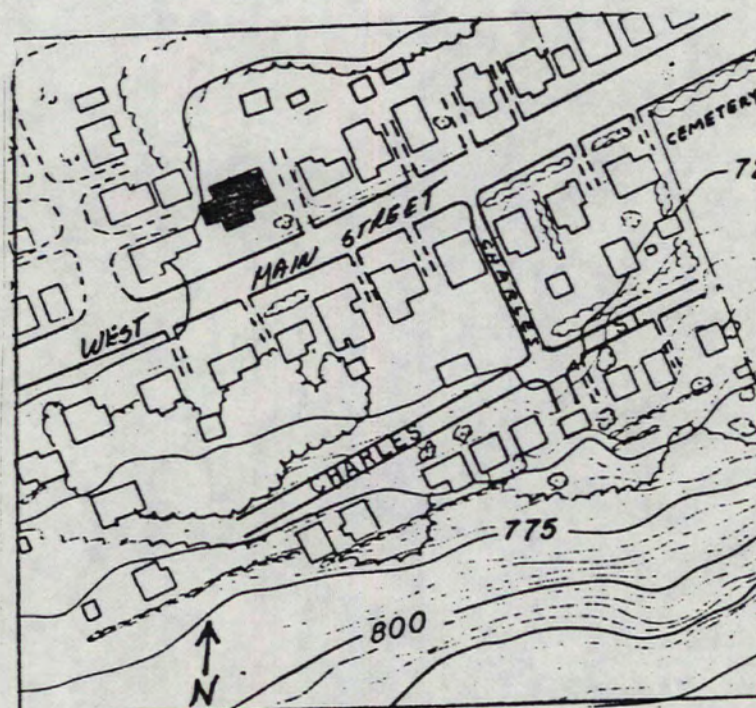


Crowley House
365 W. Main St.
North Adams, Mass.
Detail, south elevation.
Photo by R. Reed, 1983.
Negative at NAHC

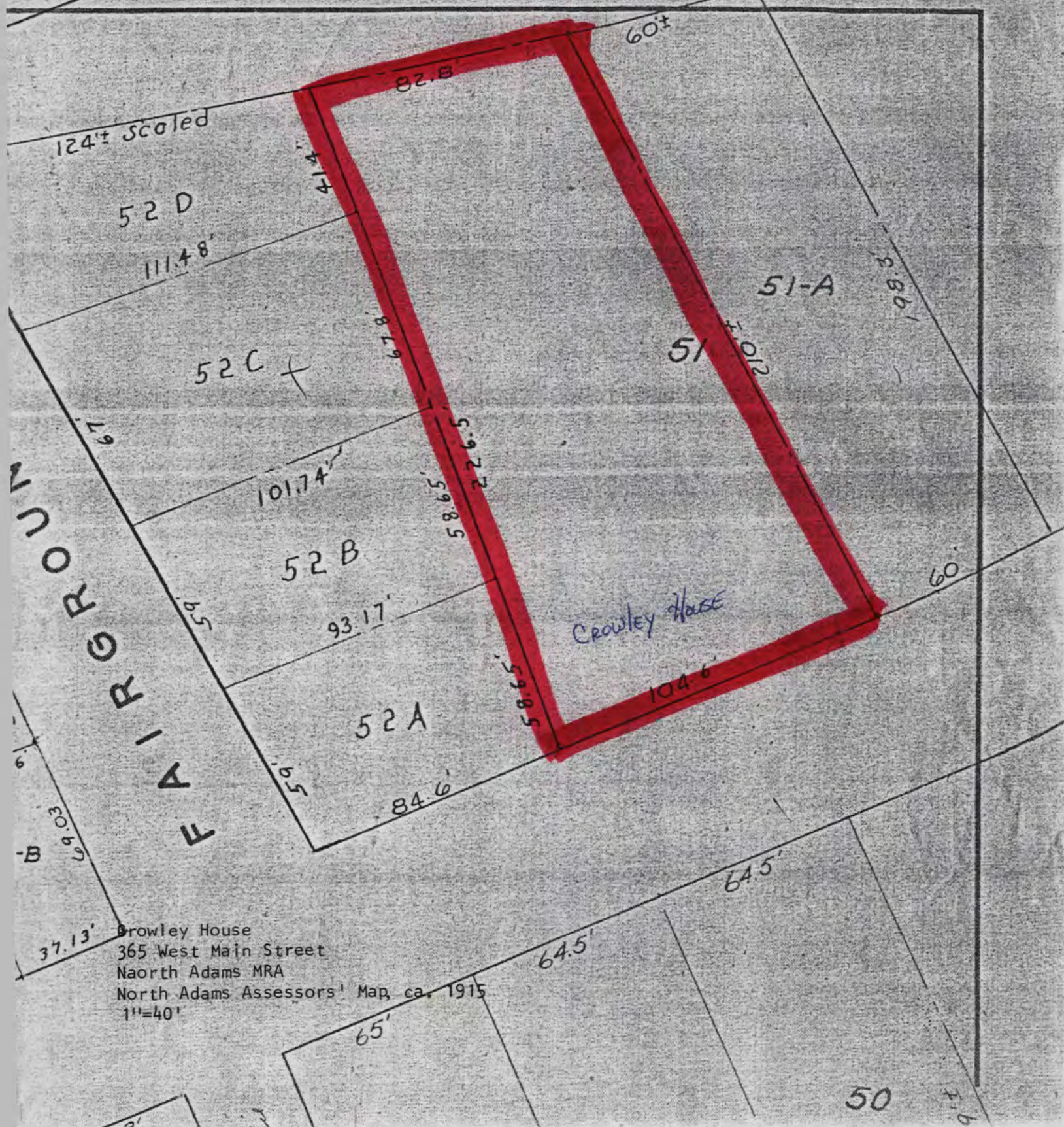


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Southeast view.
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Crowley House
365 West Main Street
North Adams, Mass.
North Adams MRA



104'
 approx. location
 of Building
 on B & M
 Railroad track



Crowley House
 365 West Main Street
 North Adams MRA
 North Adams Assessors' Map, ca. 1915
 1"=40'