FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Town: Northampton

51 Grove St.

Original residence

Present residence

Type: Private individual

Private organization

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original owner: Azariah Clapp

IPTION:

1849 (circa)

Source: Registry of Deeds

Style:

Architect:

Exterior wall fabric: brick

Outbuildings:

Major alterations (with dates):

front porch added (early 20th century)

Moved: Date

Approx. acreage

Setting:

Recorded by: Ed Lonergan

Organization: Northampton Historical Commission

Date: February, 1981

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

The house is 1 1/2 stories in height, but built on the slope of a hill, which gives a full-story exposed basement to the eastern end. Granite is used for sills and lintels on the six-over-six sash windows. A one-story porch covers the facade, and a one-story, wood-frame ell extends from the western end.

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

This brick cottage was probably built during the late 1840's. In 1846 Azariah Clapp, a local farmer, bought 10 3/4 acres on "Pancake Hill", this land was bounded by the present Earle, Grove and Laurel Streets. A map prepared of the property at that time and showing the sub-divisions that Mr. Clapp made, doesn't show any structures. By 1849 Joseph Allen is mentioned as occupying a house on this site, which was still owned by Azariah Clapp. Later, this house and about two acres were split off from the main property and sold separately.

In 1905 the State purchased this property and the five acres containing the house at 23 Laurel St. and 219 Earle St. This was part of an overall policy to acquire all property between Earle, Grove, Laurel, Chapel and Prince Sts.

This house was rented out after its purchase, but with time was converted to use for hospital employees.

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