

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

135 West Street

Public Name _____

Original residence _____

Present residence _____

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____ Comm. of Mass. _____

Original owner Samuel Day

OPTION:

cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.
Indicate north.

Date 1855 (circa)

Source Town & County Maps

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

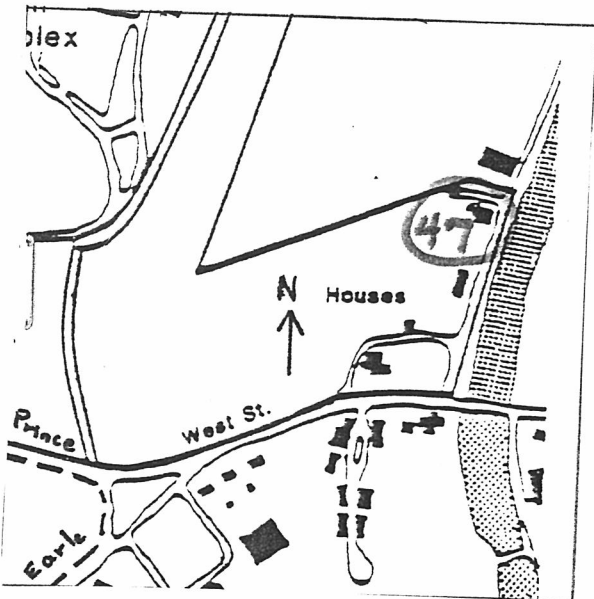
Approx. acreage _____

Setting at eastern edge of State Hospital

Recorded by Ed Lonergan

Organization Northampton Historical Commission property, near Mill River.

Date _____



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

The house is 1½ stories in height and set well back from West Street on a subsidiary road along the banks of the Mill River. The gabled end faces this road, but the main entrance is located on the southern side in a small projection. A one-story porch extends from this entrance along the southern side to the front corner of the house, and also extends across the facade. To the rear is a one-story ell with a small attached barn.

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

This small cottage was built during the latter part of the 1850's on property of Samuel Day. Mr. Day lived in the brick house at 143-45 West St. and owned most of the property between Hospital Hill and the Mill River. He operated a farm, sawmill, and brickyard on his property and there were at least eight cottages for employees.

In 1877 Solomon Lacore, a carpenter, bought this house and half an acre for \$660.00 from the executor of Samule Day's estate. Mr. Lacore made this his homestead, but in 1881 the property was purchased by the state for \$1000. The state had also purchased two other small lots and the remainder of the Day homestead, thus making the Mill River the State Hospital's eastern boundary.

The cottage was subsequently used as a residence for state employees.

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