Northampton
135 West Street

Original residence

Present residence

Hip: □ Private individual
□ Private organization
□ Public
Comm. of Mass.

Original owner: Samuel Day

Option:

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 property, near Mill River.

Recorded by: Ed Lonergan

Organization: Northampton Historical Commission

Date

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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 pro-
erty 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 Samuel 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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