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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

143-45 West Street

Samuel Day House

original residence

present residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public Comm. of Mass.

original owner Samuel Day

DESCRIPTION:

Location in relation to cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.

Date 1840 (circa)

Source Town Maps

Style Late Federal

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings _____

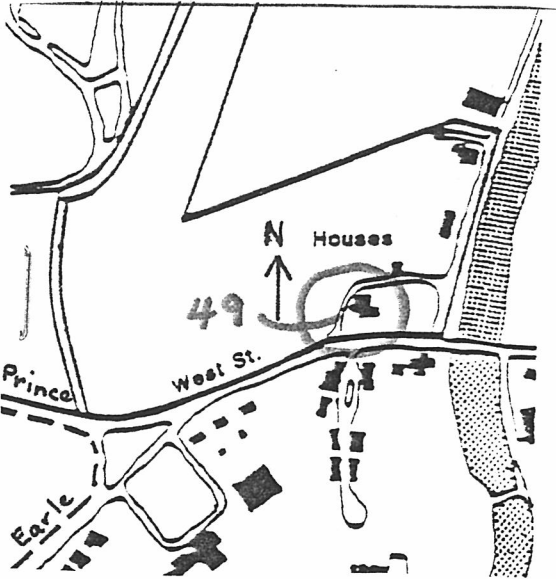
Major alterations (with dates) _____

additions & renovations (1913-1915)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Setting _____



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

This two-story house is probably the oldest structure on the State Hospital property. It presents a symmetrical five-bay facade with central entrance to the street. A small portico with projecting cornice and stylized Tuscan posts covers the entrance. The windows have six-over-six sashes and stone sills and lintels. A cornice with modillions caps the facade, and extends around the entire house. The side gables are pedimented and each have a rectangular window within.

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

This house originally served as Samuel Day's homestead, and is shown on the 1853 map of Northampton, but not on the 1831 map. Mr. Day owned most of the land between the Mill River and Hospital Hill (then known as Pancake Hill) and operated a farm here, as well as a sawmill and brick kiln. He died during the mid 1870's and the State purchased his land over a period of several years. The mill, kiln and most of the small employee cottages were removed, and the large barn was taken down and moved to the rear of the Main Complex, when it subsequently burned down.

In 1913 there was an extension of the rear, wood-frame ell and major renovations were made to the interior of the house during the next two years. The house has been used over the years as residential space for State Hospital staff.

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