

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-65



1. Northampton

Address 253 South St.

Use residence

Present owner Andrew and Doris Chunglo

Description: early 19th c.

Source visual evidence

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered concrete garage addition Date mid 20th c.

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:
One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

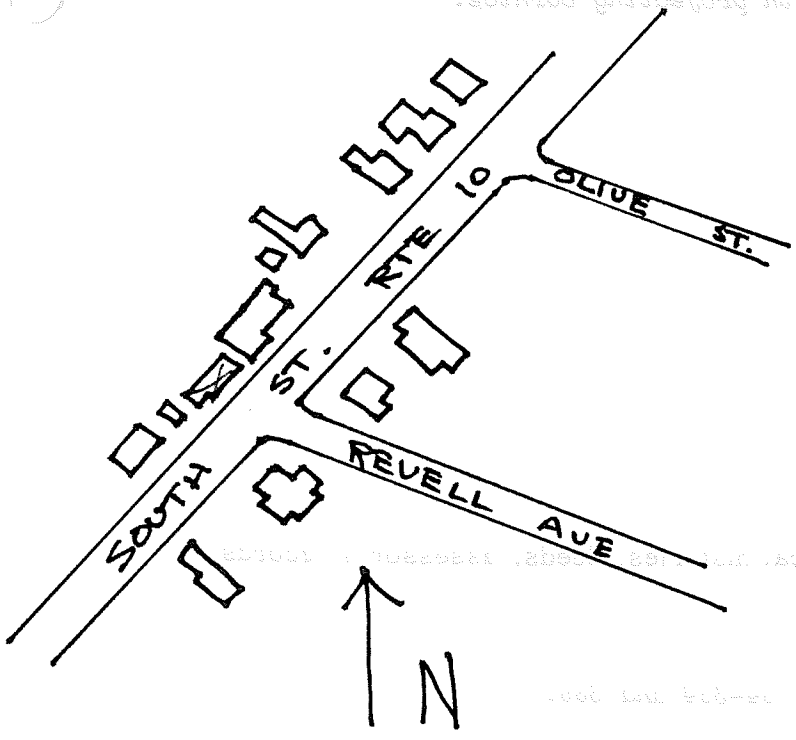
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____ residence _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | <u>x</u> | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | <u>x</u> | | | | |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This simple five-bay Colonial type house may have been built early in the 18th century. During the second half of the century the property was in the hands of the Strong family, and it may have been owned by them even earlier. Sgt. Jonathan Strong was the first member of this old Northampton family to settle on South St., doing so in 1730, and there has been some member of the family on the street until well into the 20th century.

The house is two-and-a-half stories tall with ridge roof and two interior chimneys. The side gables have small, pivoted four-light windows. The five-bay facade has six over six sash windows with plain surrounds and a central entrance flanked by smooth pilasters and capped by an entablature with projecting cornice.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

- 1854 and 1860 County Maps.*
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.*
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 471-P. 63, 267-48, 94-384 and 386.*