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2. Town NORTHAMPTON
 Street address 179 South Street
 Name Ferry House
 Use: original & present Home
 Present owner Leroy King
 Open to public No
 Date early 18th century 1704 Style Colonial
 Source of date Forbes library archives
 Architect unknown

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OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material stucco over fieldstone
 WALL COVER: Wood Brick Stone Other
 ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
 Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork
in rear
 CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate
 STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings EIL Shed
 PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 none PORTICO no Balcony no
 FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament overhang
 Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details: pilasters
 Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied
 Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings

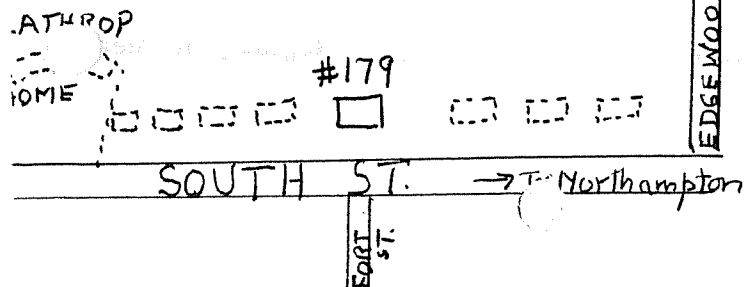
6. Footage of structure from street 20
Property has 100 feet frontage on street

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RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

- 1. Outbuildings _____
- 2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal
 Predominant features large trees
 Landscape architect _____
- 3. Neighboring Structures
 Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.
 Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern
 Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

This house was built in 1704. Purchased from the builder Preserved Clapp and given to Josiah Clark by his father in 1744. After 3 generations of occupancy by the Clark family, it was inhabited by three generations of Ferrys- one of the Clark daughters married a Ferry. The present owner, Mr. King, is a nephew of a Ferry. So the house has continued in the same family without having been sold for over 200 years.

Originally a large farm of about 1000 acres went with the house, and cattle were driven to Boston. When built there was no other house on this side of Mill River, and the old Springfield Road went down what is now Fort Street.

There was originally a palisade around the property to protect it. The projecting second story has holes for firing shots. There is a hidden room and much of the construction is of heavy timber.

Following a fire in 1930 dormer windows were added.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

Harriet K. Kneeland, Some Old Northampton Homes (1901)
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RESTRICTIONS _____

Original Owner: Preserved Clapp
 Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____, _____ Registry of Deed