

7. Original owner (if known) Jonathan Strong

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

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 | _____ | | | | |

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

Jonathan Strong had this brick residence built in 1862 on land of the Strong Family. Calvin Strong owned the earlier residence, corner of South and Fort Streets, and sold the land to the northeast to J. Strong in 1862. The new brick structure was hailed by the Hampshire Gazette as "one of the finest dwellings" on South Street. At the time of its construction, brick was scarce in the area, the Civil War and local conditions limiting production.

The bracketed style is two stories in height, five bays wide and two deep. A deep bracketed overhang terminates the cubic mass now enlarged by bay windows and an entrance porch in similar style. In its massing, if not in its decorative elements, the structure is related to the adjacent Calvin Strong House, a Federal style dwelling. The architect of the Jonathan Strong House remains a mystery.

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

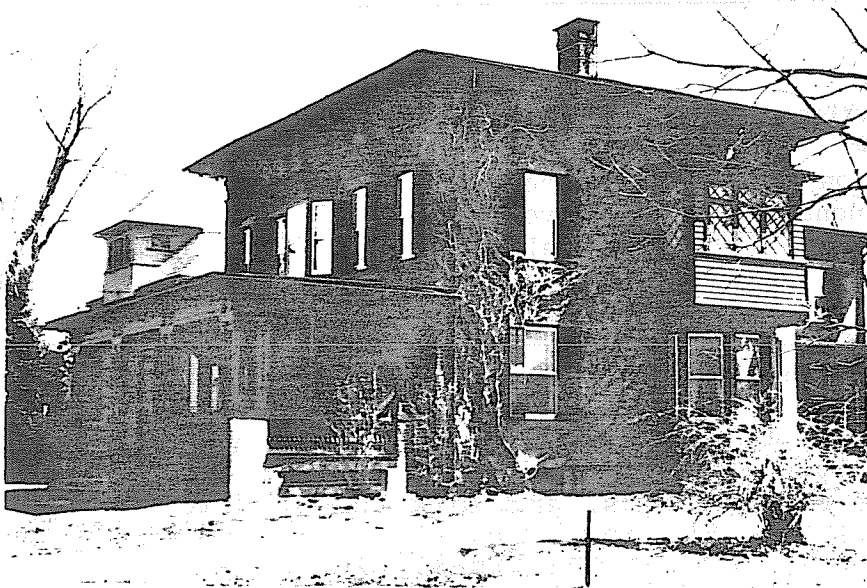
Hampshire Gazette, 6/10/1862.
Registry of Deeds, 1513.187, 1318.381, 873.279, 862.95, 204.131

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	33B-154



City Northampton

Address 176 South Street

Historical Name Jonathan Strong Residence

Present use Residence

Present owner Robert J. Kusmeski

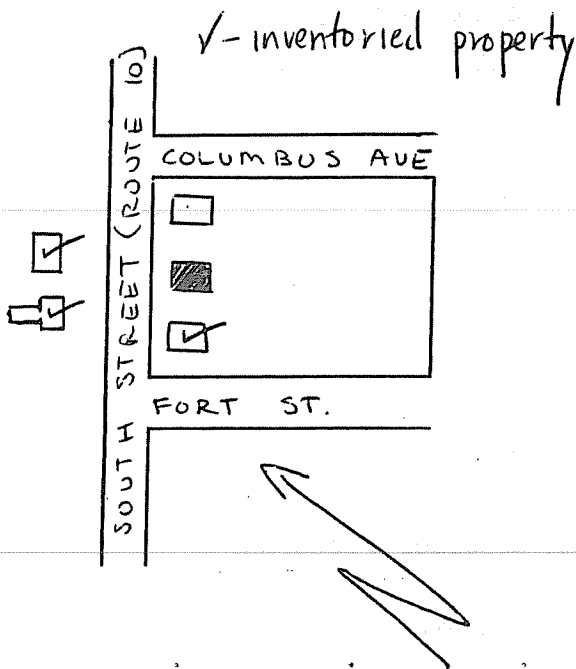
Description:

1862

Source Hampshire Gazette
June 10, 1862

Bracketed

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



Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 2 stories; flat roof
with bracketed overhang; stone lin-
tels; bays; porches

Altered additions in similar style,
rear Date ?

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 65 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
30 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

USGS Quadrant _____

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6. Recorded by C. Dubie

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Date September 10, 1975

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