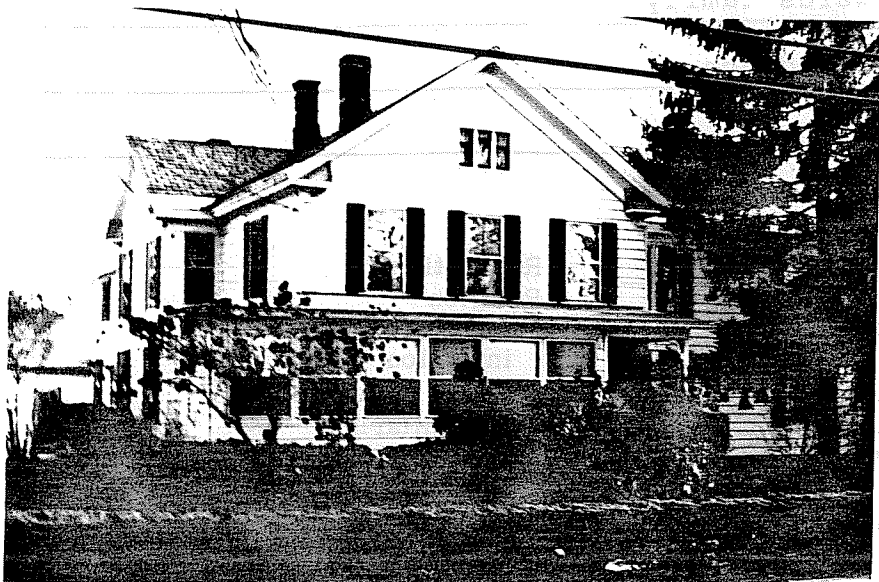


FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-245

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



1 Northampton

Address 236 South St.

Name Edwards House

Present use residence

Present owner Alfred and Anita Tikaizo

Description:

Date c. 1860

Source visual evidence

Reference

Architect

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

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

porch enclosure  
Altered and siding Date mid 20th c.

Moved -- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre

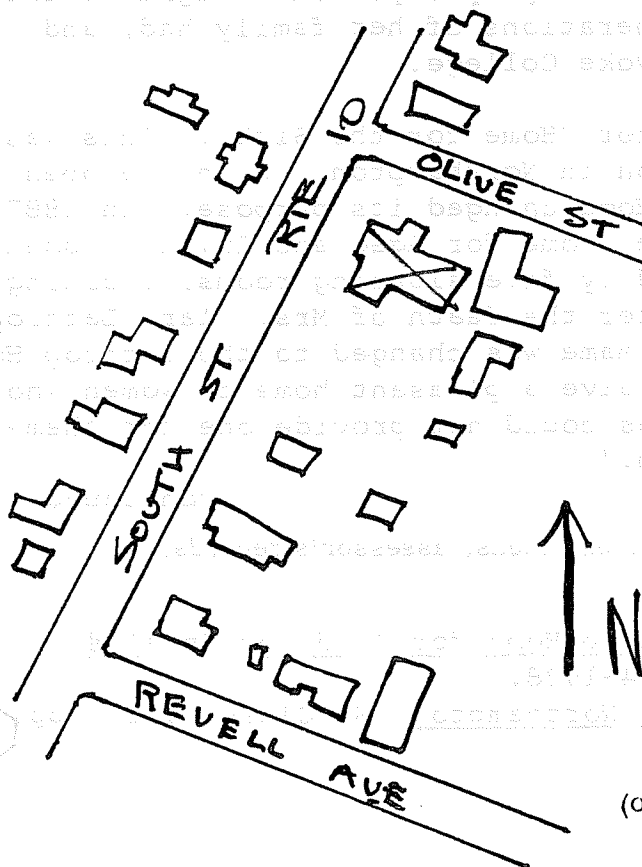
Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Edwards family

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This house stands on land which was part of Samuel Edwards, Jr.'s homestead. Mr. Edwards acquired his land in 1708, as one of the first wave of permanent settlers south of the Mill River. His youngest son Nathaniel taught one of the earliest schools on South St. in the mid 18th century. This was located across the street, at the present northwest corner of Herbert Ave. Nathaniel's son and grandson also taught at the same school. The grandson, Charles Edwards, was probably the builder of this house. After Charles died his daughter Anna took over the property. She taught at the school across the street where three generations of her family had, and became assistant principal of Mount Holyoke College.

In 1884 the house was rented for "Home for the Sick". This was the first private charitable organization in Northampton. With the opening of the Dickinson Hospital in 1886, the Home changed its purpose. In 1887 the institution was incorporated as the "Home for Aged and Invalid Women in Northampton". The house was expanded by five sleeping rooms, a dining room, bathroom and laundry in 1888. After the death of Mrs. Clara Lathrop, the originator of the Home, in 1908 the name was changed to the Lathrop Home, but the ministry remained the same, "to give a pleasant home to women who from advanced age or physical infirmities could not provide one for themselves or had no friends to care for them."

continued.

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

A Short History and Handbook of the Lathrop Home for Aged and Invalid Women in Northampton, Mass., 1884-1928.  
Antiquities Historicals and Graduates of Northampton, S. Clark, 1882, pp 13-14  
 1854 and 1860 County Maps.  
 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Northampton	Form No: 38B-245
Property Name: Edwards House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9. Historical Significance.

In 1920 Mrs. Frank LooE purchased the Charles Clark homestead on the north side of South St. and within a year had the present "Lathrop Home" constructed.

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