

FORM B - BUILDING

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| In Area no. | Form no.<br>38B-249 |
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Town Northampton



Address 23 Olive St.

Present use residence

Present owner Estates of Stephen and

Description: Louise Casagrande

Year 1868-73

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

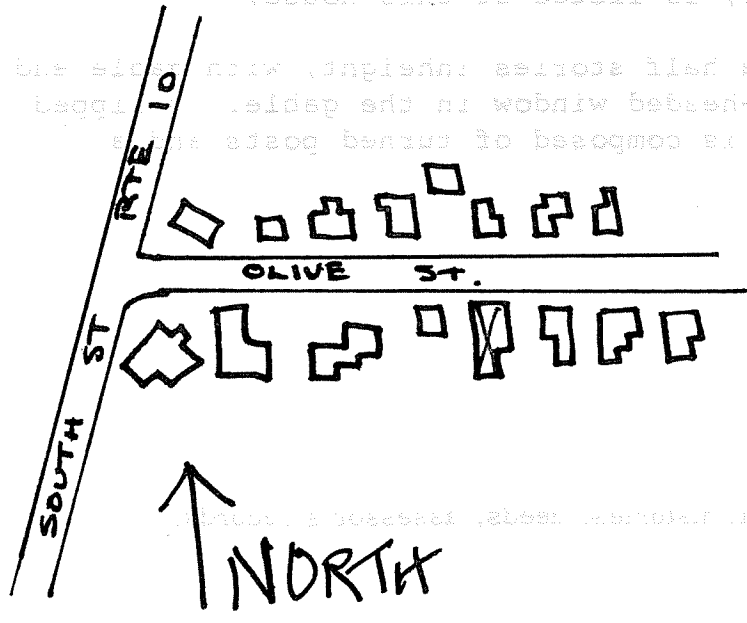
Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

4. Map. Draw sketch \_\_\_\_\_  
in relation to nearest cross streets and  
other buildings. Indicate north.



Altered -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 NHHC

Date April 1980

(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/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____        | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____        | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____        | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | <u>  x  </u> |                            |       |                         |       |

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

In 1868 Lewis and Charles Edward and James Ellsworth, all farmers who lived on South St. filed a plan to open Olive St. This would be the second street to run southeasterly from South St. atop the terrace. The first, Fort St., was originally known as Old Springfield Rd. and extended over the bluff, down into the meadows and eventually led to Springfield. Olive St. was originally only opened atop the terrace; in the early 20th century a connection was made with Fort St. By 1873 nine houses had been built on Olive St. In 1873 Charles Parker, a carpenter, is listed at this house.

The house is two and a half stories in height, with gable end to the street and a small round-headed window in the gable. A hipped roof caps the front porch which is composed of turned posts and a balustrade.

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

- 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 252-P. 89 and 331.
- Northampton Directory: 1873-74, 1875-76.