FORM B - BUILDING

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Area Form no. 43-52

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The original house was probably 1½ stories in height with ridge roof. The western half of the present house shows this configuration, while the eastern half shows the remodelling that probably took place in the mid 19th century. The first floor windows have six over six sashes, while the second floor windows are half-size and fit tightly under the eaves. A one-story ell extends to the rear of the house and connects it to a small outbuilding.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This small farmhouse is located near Pine Grove, a small section of Northampton, about two miles west of the center, on the road to Westhampton. Saw Mill Brook (also known as Clam Brook, and now called Parsons Brook), a tributary of the Manahn Rover that rises in the Saw Mill Hills and Mineral Hills near West Farms in Northampton, runs near this property and provides some well-drained farmland.

The first road through here was laid out just after the French and Indian War, about 1760, to connect the fledgling villages of Murrayfield (now known as Huntington and Chester) on the Westfield River to Northampton. It followed the present path of Rocky Hill and Pine Hill Raods within the present bounds of Northampton. The first map of Northampton, made as part of the state-wide survey in 1794 shows this road, but also shows the present Westhampton Rd., running westerly from its junction with Rocky Hill and Park Hill Rds., as the "new road to Westhampton".

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