

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

112 Island Rd.

Name

Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner

Option:

late 19th c.

Location in relation to
 cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.

Date

Indicate north.

Source Atlases and visual evidence

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

sided- mid 20th c.

Moved

Date

Approx. acreage

one acre or less

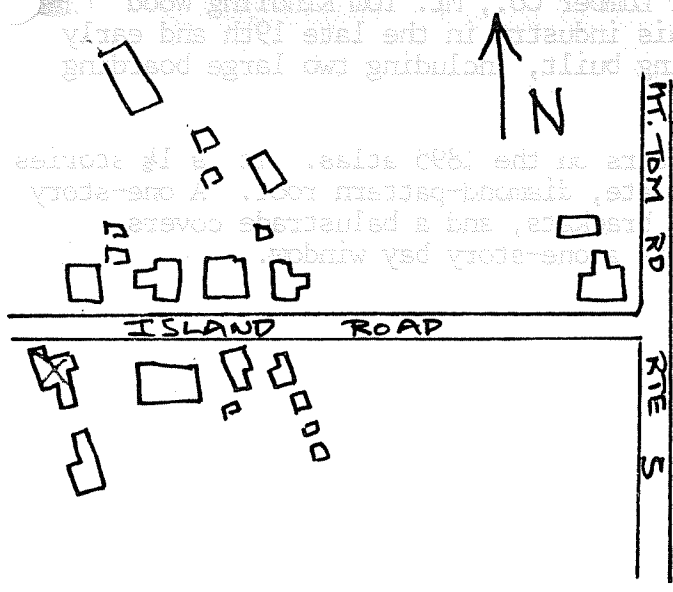
Setting

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

See Below.

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

This is one of several 1½ story cottages located on the Ox Bow in Southern Northampton. This area originally was part of Hadley, but in 1840 flood waters if the Connecticut River cut through the slender neck of the Ox Bow and made this an island on the western side of the river. The entrance to the Ox Bow quickly silted up and the island became connected to Northampton. The 1860 map shows two houses in the Ox Bow, and 24 years later there was only one more. However, a spur of the Connecticut River Railroad had been introduced to the Ox Bow and the 1884 atlas shows the Connecticut River Lumber Co., Mt. Tom Kindling Wood Co., and several small shops. Expansion of this industry in the late 19th and early 20th centuries led to about 25 more houses being built, including two large boarding houses.

This house probably first appears on the 1895 atlas. It is 1½ stories in height with gable end to the street and a slate, diamond-pattern roof. A one-story porch with slate hipped roof, turned posts and brackets, and a balustrade covers the facade. On the western side of the house is a one-story bay window.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES
1831 Town Map. 1860 County Map.
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