

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no. 46-55
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

96 Island Rd.

ic Name Old Mt. Tom Schoolhouse

iginal School

resent Residence

hip:  Private individual  
Private organization

Public

iginal owner City of Northampton

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Date 1905-1915

Source Directory and Atlas

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings

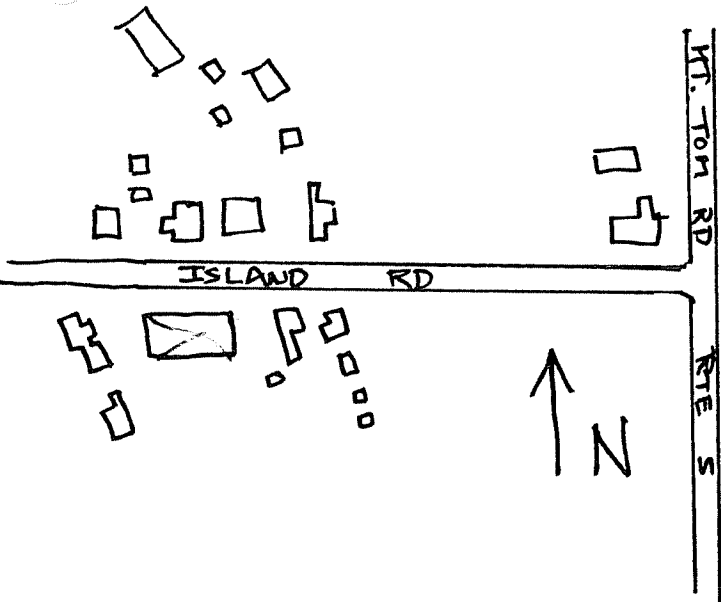
Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage

Setting

cross streets and other buildings  
or geographical features.  
Indicate north.



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

The building is one story in height with a broad, hipped roof that overhangs the brick wall quite substantially. The roof is of slate, in diamond pattern, and has small triangular dormers. The symmetrical facade has a central entrance, which has been altered and two different window sizes.

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

This brick building was originally built as the Mt. Tom Schoolhouse early in the 20th century. The Ox Bow area was increasing in population through the expansion of the Mt. Tom Sulphite Co. into a larger industrial complex. The school replaced a smaller building in the Smith's Ferry section of Northampton (now Holyoke) and was in use at least until 1930.

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