

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	10B-15



1 Northampton

Address 50 River Road

Use residence

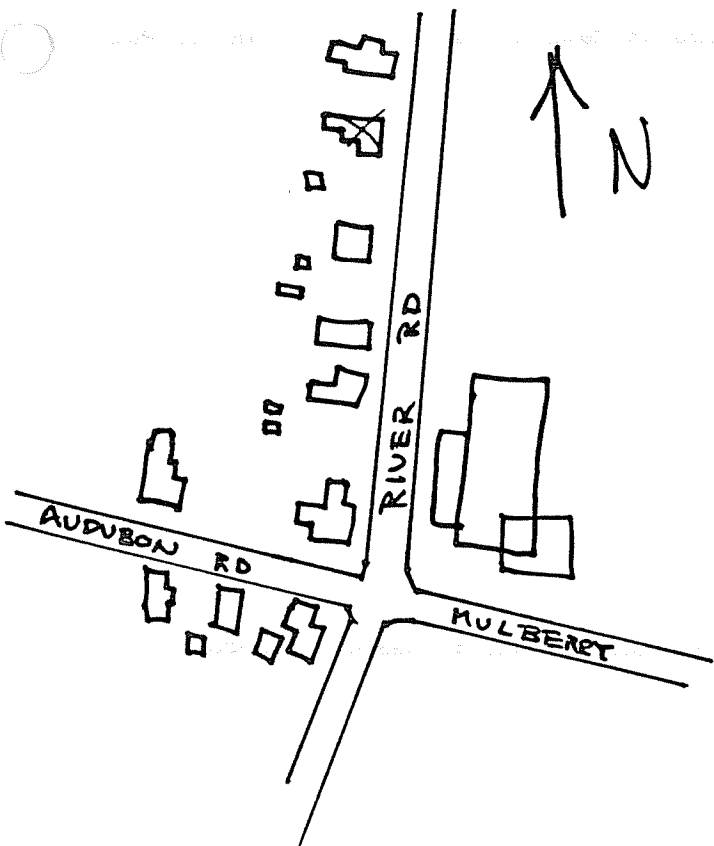
Present owner Robert and Mary Dunn

Description: 1873-1884

Source Atlases

Architect _____

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features diamond window in gable, front porch with chamfered posts and fancy bracket

Altered side addition 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 May 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

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	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

River Road first appears on the 1860 County Map as a connector between the village of Leeds (in Northampton) and the village of Haydenville (in Williamsburg). It was shorter than the older road to Haydenville which passed over the low hills to the east. River Road followed along the banks of the Mill River. This house is first shown on the 1884 Atlas, and Anthony Davis, a mason, is listed as the owner.

*The house is two-and-a-half stories in height, gable end to the street, wi
side, gabled projection.*

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

- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.*
- 1860 County Map.*
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86.*