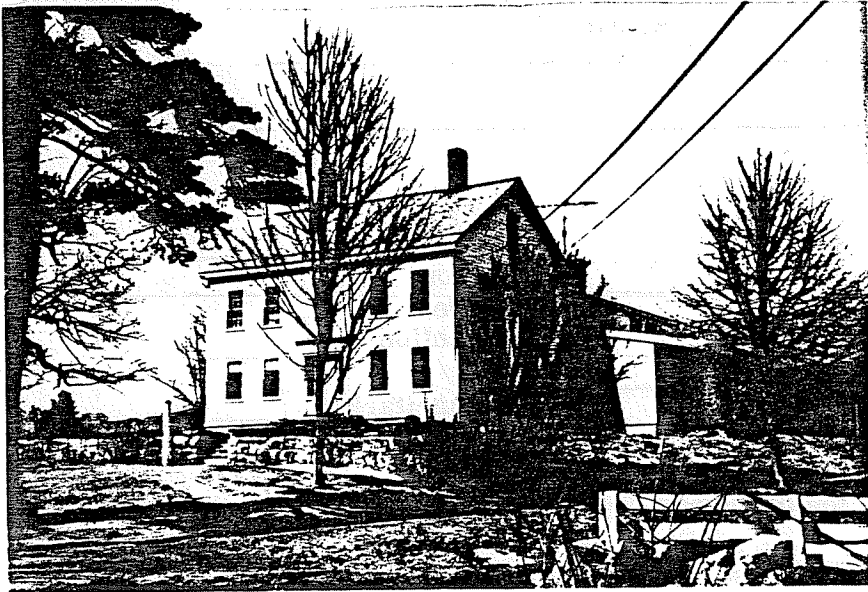


FORM B - BUILDING

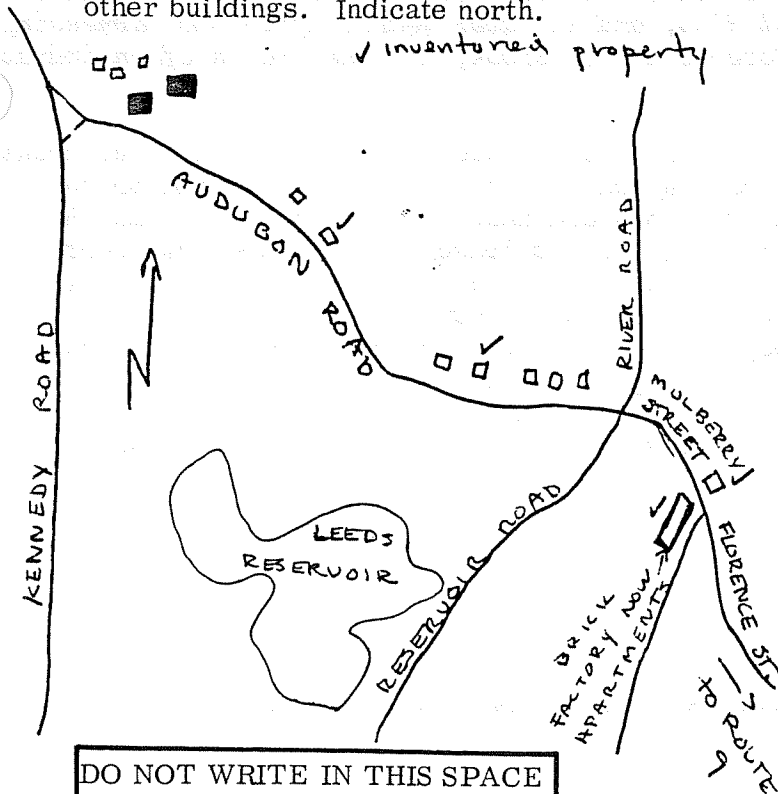
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Location Leeds (Northampton)
 Address Audubon Road
 Present use Residence
 Present owner Joseph & Nancy Dickinson
 Date of construction c. 1820
 Source of information visual evidence
 Style late colonial

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards
 Outbuildings (describe) barns
 Other features 2 1/2 stories; 5 bays wide, 2 deep; ridge roof with 2 interior chimneys; additions
 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre x
 Approximate frontage 210 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street 50 yards

6. Recorded by C. Dubie
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission
 Date January 15, 1975

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Original owner (if known) Calvin Clark

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

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

This large, sprawling farmhouse is located on the Clark homestead near the intersection of the "highway" from Williamsburg to Northampton (Audobon Rd) and the "highway" from Williamsburg to Southampton (Kennedy Rd.). During the last decade of the 18th century three families established themselves on the Williamsburg-Northampton road, west of the Mill River. These were: James Smith (c. 1790), Calvin Clark (1792) and Luke Day (1794). The settlement was called Rail Hill, and in later years, after the harnessing of the Mill River near its junction with Roberts Meadow Brook, and the growth of an industrial village there, became part of Leeds.

Calvin Clark was 22 years old and just married when he settled here, about six miles from the center of Northampton, and the nearest of the three homestead to the Williamsburg line. Mr. Clark continued on the homestead until his death in 1862 at the age of 93. According to Solomon Clark (1882) the present house is the third one erected on the homestead. The Greek Revival styling would seem to date the house to about 1840. The house is two stories in height with five-bay facade and central entrance. Two interior chimneys cap the ridgeline of the slate roof and all the windows have six over six sashes. The entrance is flanked by sidelights and capped by a full entablature. Corner pilasters and a wide friezeboard help to set off the mass of the house. Several additions have been made to the rear of the house and there is a large multi-level barn with "1882" inscribed on it to the east of the house.

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

- 1831 Town Map.
- 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlase.
- Antiquities, Historicals and Graduates of Northampton, S. Clark, 1882 pp. 162-165.