

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	10D-13



Town Northampton

Address 145 Water St.

Name Hennessey House

Present use residence

Present owner Margaret Naughton and Walter M. Terry III

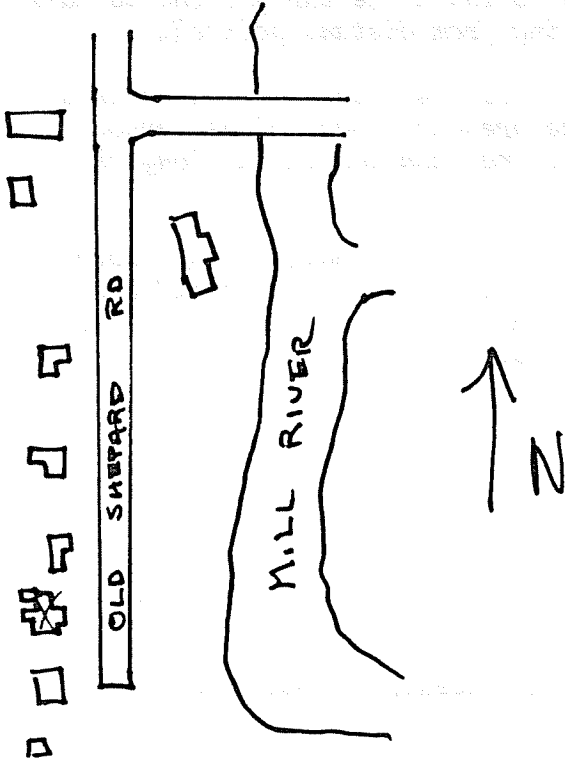
Description: c. 1840

Source Maps and The Northampton Book

Reference Saltbox

Architect _____

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

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
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(over)

Original owner (if known) _____

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This house appears to be a late example of a Colonial saltbox. It doesn't appear on the 1831 map, but in 1954 was described as "more than a hundred years old". The 1860 map shows the house and lists John Hennessey as the owner. In an essay entitled "Early History of Leeds", published in The Northampton Book the Hennessey house is described as "one of the homes to which the early Catholic came to attend Mass celebrated by mission priests travelling from distant points".

Now at a dead end of Water St., the house was originally built on a through road which left Main St. just south of the present Hotel bridge, crossed the Mill River, ran along the present end of Water St. and then continued along the Knoll to Chesterfield Rd.

The house is one-and-a-half stories in height with gable roof to the sides and a long rear slope on the roof giving the house its "saltbox" shape. At present no chimney remains. The facade has a central entrance flanked by pilasters and topped by a full entablature with projecting cornice.

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 Atlases.
- The Northampton Book, ed. by Tercentenary History Committee, 1954 p.354.