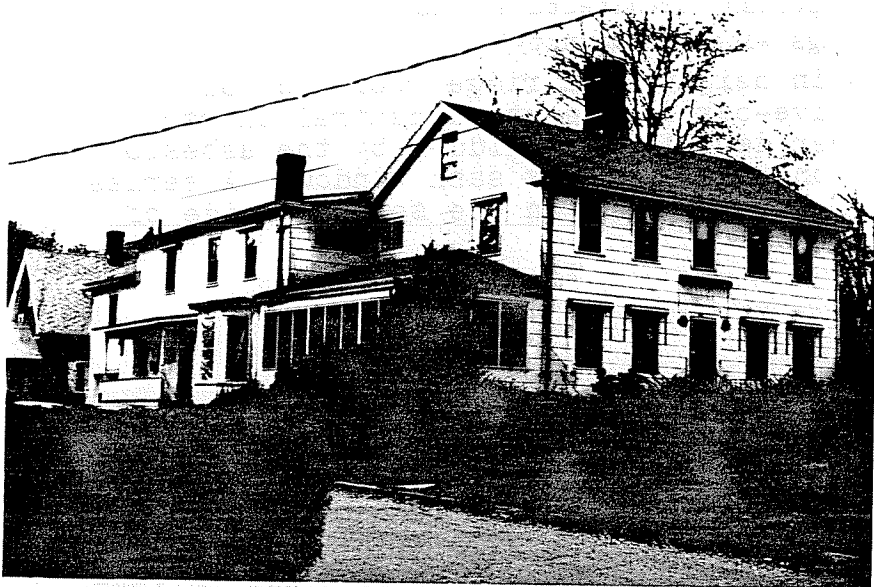


FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no. 24D-171
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

218 State St.

Historic Name D. Haskins House

Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Davis Haskins (?)

Construction Date

c. 1838

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

Source Reg. of Deeds

Style Colonial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes

Outbuildings small market

Major alterations (with dates)

rear addition- late 19th c.

sided- mid 20th c.

Moved Date

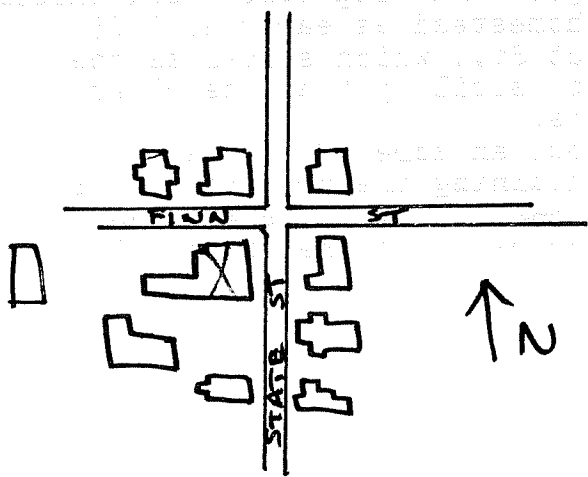
Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting

Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980



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

The house is two stories in height with ridge roof and tall central chimney. The symmetrical five-bay facade has a central entrance and two over two sash windows. Other detailing is hidden by the asbestos covering. Within the side gables is one six over six sash window. A series of additions extends to the rear of the property on the southern side of the house.

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

In 1835 the New Haven-Northampton Canal opened to great fanfare. George Bancroft gave the oration and the event heralded a new age for the growing town of Northampton. Now it could be a seaport! However, this dream was short-lived, railroads were coming and the canal went bankrupt in 1847, in what was purportedly the most disastrous failure in Connecticut Valley history. Over the next quarter century the canal was filled in and laid out as State St.

This large house is the only structure along the street that was probably standing while the canal was in operation. From visual evidence it would appear that the house dates from the late 18th century, but at that time there were no streets between Prospect and King Sts. Deed information identifies this as the Simeon Edwards homestead as early as 1803 but the house was probably located on Prospect St., which served as the western bound of the homestead. There is a possibility that the older house was moved to this site during the 1830's.

In 1838 Davis Haskins purchased about an acre of land at this site and established his homestead here, maintaining the property until 1856 when Mark Spaulding purchased it. Col. Spaulding, as he was known, lived here until the late 1880's, and was a co-owner of the Round Hill Hotel during the 1870's.

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