

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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City Northampton

Address 3 Leonard Street

Present use residence

Present owner Austin & Blanche Devlin

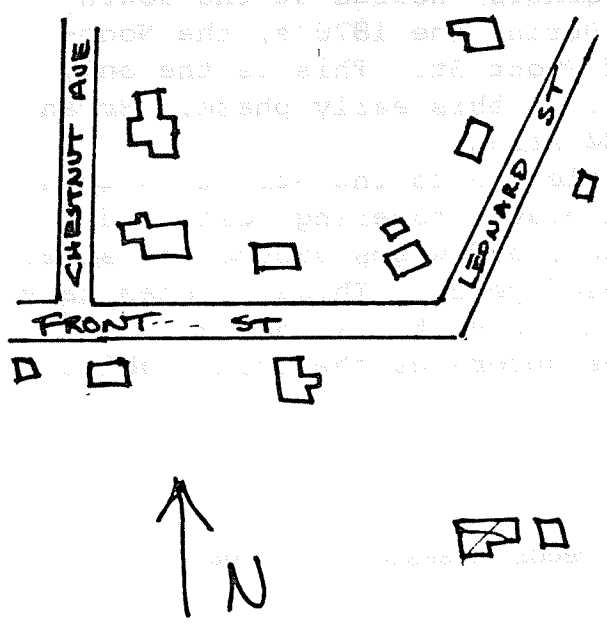
Description:

Year 1873-84

Source Atlases

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features oculus in front gable,  
1 story front porch with large  
posts, 6x6 windows

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

Organization NHC

Date March 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	<u>X</u>				

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

This house is located on a spur of Leonard St. that originally continued southerly to Florence Rd. The 1794 map shows the road to Williamsburg looping westerly from its current location. By 1831 the short-cut had been constructed and the southern half of the loop was abandoned. The northern half became known as Leonard St. Front St., a connector between the village of Leeds and Haydenville Rd. north of the center, also appears on the 1831 map.

By 1873 four houses were located on Front St., the only development of this hill area other than the two mill owners' houses at the south-western drop-off, which dated from 1812. During the 1870's, the Nonotuck Silk Co. began a subdivision north of Front St. This is the only property to be developed south of Front St. in this early phase. Bryan Moran, a farmer, is listed here on the 1884 Atlas.

The house is 2½ stories in height, gable end to the street, with a 1½ story rear ell. A one-story porch with heavy, tapering posts and arched friezeboards extends across the front, and wraps around the side. On eht side it is stopped by a small enclosed porch. These porches take advantage of the fine prospect to the south and east, extending to the Mt. Tom and Holyoke ranges. A small oculus decorates the front gable.

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

- 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86