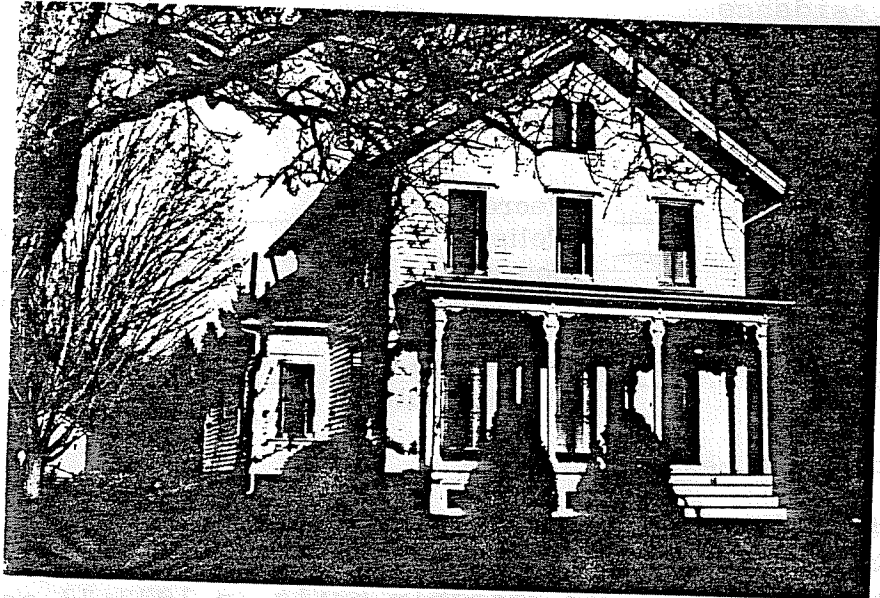


FORM B - BUILDING

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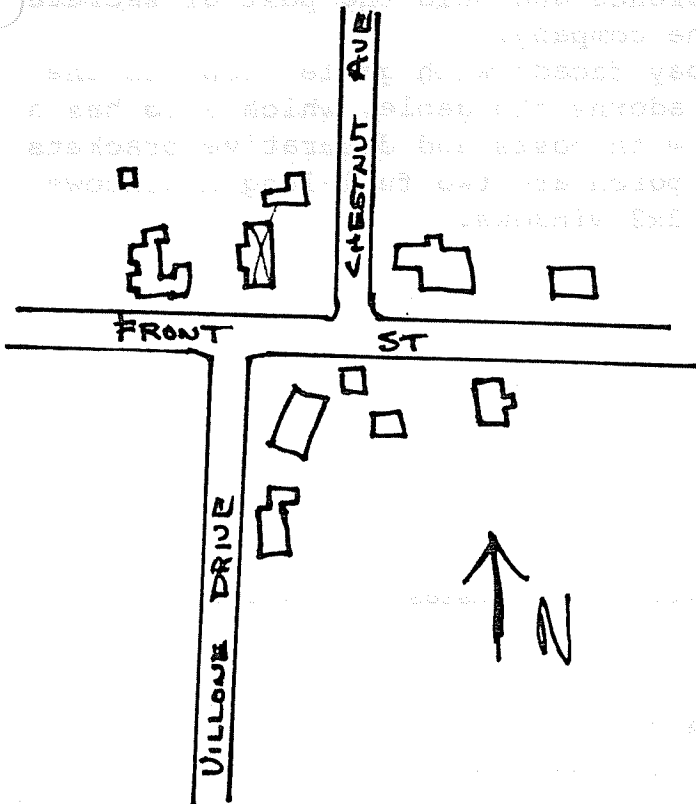
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City Northampton  
Address 68 Front Street  
Name G. Ray House  
Present use residence  
Present owner Edward & Elizabeth Duggan  
Description:  
Date 1872-73  
Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas  
File Bracketed  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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 brackets on friezeboard under gable, double round-headed window in gable, front porch with posts & ornate brackets

Altered --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
One acre or less X Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street  
15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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Date March 1980

(over)

Original owner (if known) George H. Ray

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)

George H. Ray bought an 81 square rod lot from Samuel L. Hill, president of Nonotuck Silk Co. in 1874, however his name is listed next to this house on the 1873 map of Leeds. The house was probably built in 1872-73 as title was transferred from Nonotuck Silk Co. to S.L. Hill in late 1872 for 275. While George Ray paid 1300 for the parcel two years later, Mr. Ray is listed as bookkeeper, station and express agent in the 1875-6 Directory. By 1885 he had become the assistant treasurer of the Nonotuck Silk Co. Within the next decade he moved to Florence and held the post of secretary as well as assistant treasurer, for the company.

This 2½ story house has a three-bay facade with gable front to the street. A double round-headed window adorns the gable, which also has a bracketed cornice. A one-story porch with posts and decorative brackets extends across the facade. Under the porch are two full-length windows. Simple, raking hoods are used for the 2x2 windows.

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

- 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 312-P.475, 299-273
- Northampton Directory: 1875-76, 1885-86, 1895-96