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FORM B - BUILDING

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



Northampton

Address 154 North Street

Name Isaac Bates House

Present use Residential/Apartments

Present owner Robert Colby

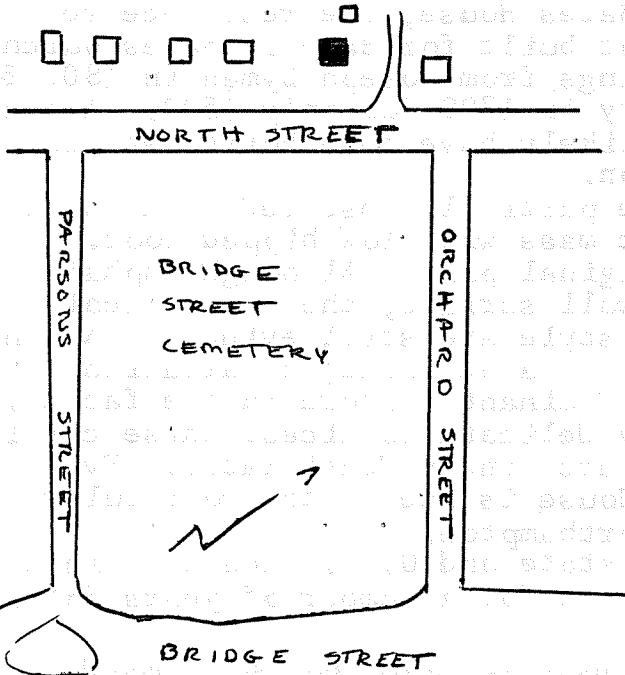
Description:

1799-1807

Source Registry of Deeds, 14.487, 25.586

Federal

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



Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric asphalt shingles

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features hipped roof; pedimented

pavillion with Palladian window in

2nd story; fine roof and window
cornices

Altered porches added Date _____

Moved yes-from Bridge Date _____
Street

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 100 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

30 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date June 1, 1975

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Original owner (if known) Joseph Lyman

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence-now apartments

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

This delicately detailed residence first stood on Bridge Street and was moved about 1848 by J. S. Lathrop. Martha Bates, widow of Senator Isaac Bates, sold the property to J. S. Lathrop in March of that year for \$4000. On the two acres on Bridge Street J. S. Lathrop soon built the residence still standing known as the Lathrop-Butler House.

Although known as the Isaac Bates House, the residence relocated on North Street was apparently not built for Bates. Bates purchased a lot—then one acre—with buildings from Joseph Lyman in 1807 for \$3000; Lyman acquired the property in 1799 for only \$500. A house of this quality and style would likely have been built between the dates 1799 and 1807 in Northampton.

In poor repair and its facade partially obscured by a later porch, the Bates house is a cubic mass with low hipped roof. A single chimney remains of the original pair. Although asphalt shingles now cover the exterior wall surface, the symmetrical and taut surfaces of the Federal style are still evident. A central projecting pavilion is terminated in a pediment; a Palladian window—now a door—was once the dominant feature in the facade. Windows on the ground floor carry delicate cornices; these cornices like the cornice at the roofline are finely dentillated. Even in its present condition the Bates House is one of the most fully realized Federal residences in Northampton.

Senator Bates served in the state and U. S. senates. His widow, Martha Bates, lived in the residence for a number of years following its removal to North Street.

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

Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 122.364, 25.586, 14.487.