

FORM B - BUILDING

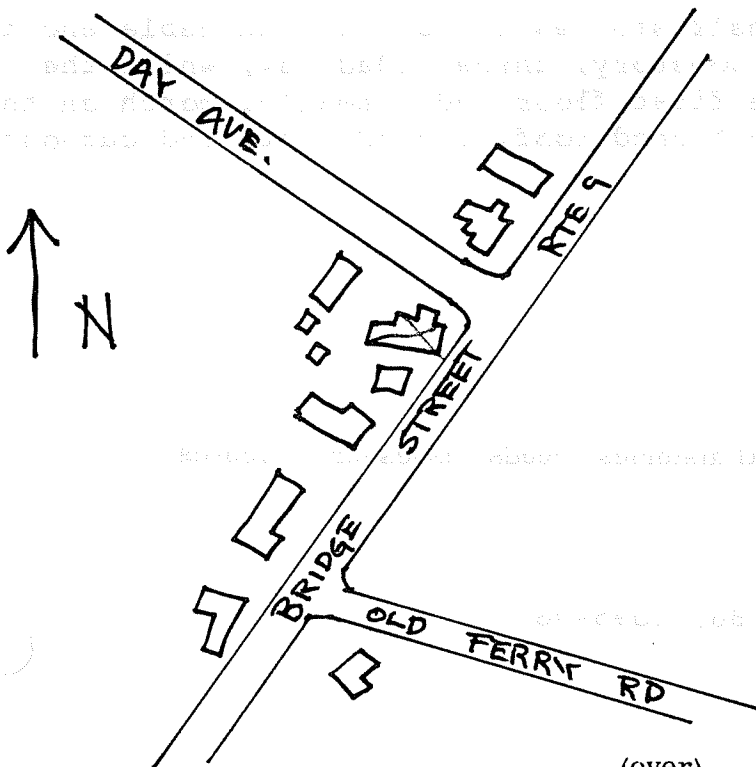
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



City Northampton
 Address 280 Bridge St.
 Name M. Day House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Cornelius and Shirley Clifford
 Description: 1875-85
 Source Directories

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



Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____
 Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage _____
 Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Loneragan
 Organization NHC
 Date May 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Myron Day

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)

Myron Day, a farmer, purchased a large parcel of land fronting on Bridge St. and running northerly to Bates St. about 1880. This house was built as his homestead shortly thereafter. In 1886 he filed a subdivision plan for a new street (originally called Beacon St., but later changed to Day Ave.) to run through his land from Bridge St. to Bates St. At the time this was the most easterly street for residential purposes, along Bridge St. The Massachusetts Central Railroad, whose line opened in 1887, and ran east from the main north-south line in the center of town, built a bridge across the Connecticut River just north of the Bridge St. bridge. The tracks ran roughly parallel to Bridge St. and opened up many development opportunities.

The house is two and a half stories in height with gable end to the street. The western side has a two-story, three-sided bay, while the facade has a full-length porch on the first floor and a smaller porch on the second floor. The larger porch has a hipped roof, turned posts and cut-out brackets.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 405-P. 151.
- Northampton Directory: 1875-76, 1885-86, 1895-96.