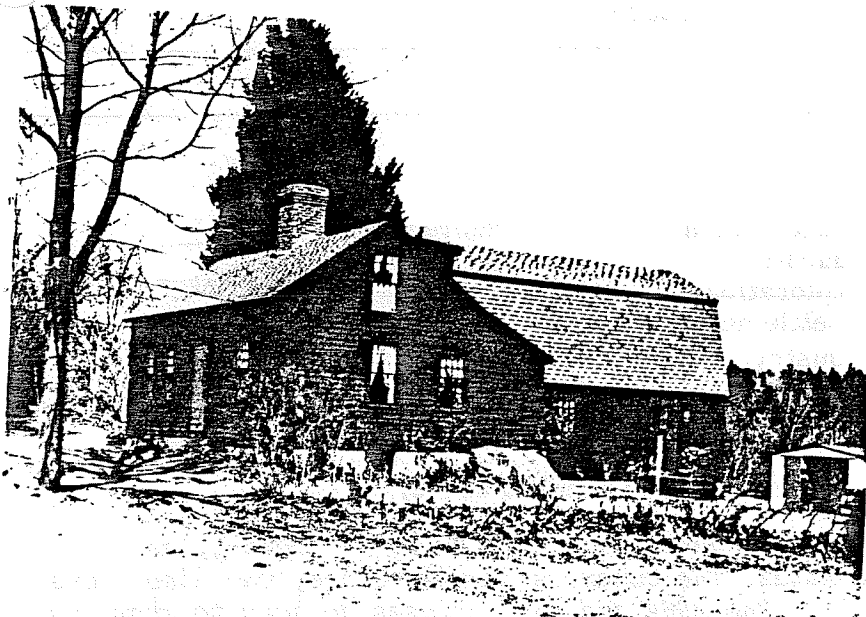


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	5-40



Leeds (Northampton)

Address Audubon Road

Saltbox

Present use Residence

Present owner William & Kris Celatka

Description:

18th century

Source visual evidence

Colonial saltbox

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 1 1/2 stories; 4 bays wide,

1 deep; central chimney; doorway

with crude pediment; addition

Altered yes Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no? Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 155 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

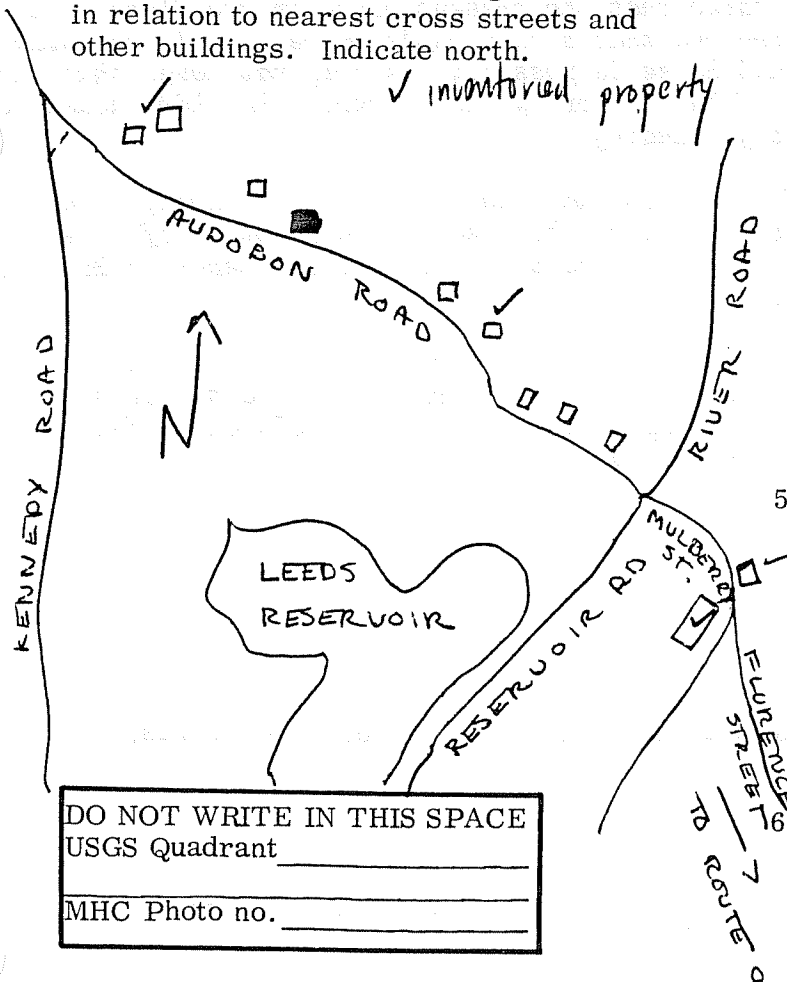
20 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date January 15, 1976

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



(over)

RECEIVED

APR 5 1976

7. Original owner (if known) Calvin Clark (?)

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/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | <u>x</u> |                            |       |                         |       |

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

*This small dwelling has presented some difficulty in tracing, as it first appears at this site on the 1895 Atlas. The owner is Charles Clark, who also owns the homestead farther west on Audobon Rd. The 1884 and 1873 atlases do seem to show two houses at the more western site though, so this house was probably moved from the upper site between 1884 and 1895. Rev. Clark states that the present house in the Clark homestead on the upper Audobon Rd. is the third one that's been built since the Clarks established themselves there in 1792. The small house is possibly the original house that was built at that time, or the second house, if built shortly thereafter. The third house is the large Greek Revival structure currently standing.*

*The Clarks were one of the first families to settle this area, then called Rail Hill, in the early 1790's. After mills were established at the junction of Roberts Meadow Brook and the Mill River the Rail Hill settlement became part of Sheperd's Hollow, and in 1849 the name was changed to Leeds.*

*The house is one-and-a-half stories in height with large central chimney on the ridgeline. The five-bay facade features a central entrance flanked by twelve over twelve sash windows. The sides of the house slope back to create a "saltbox" effect. In the mid 1970's a large gambrel roof addition was made in the rear.*

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

- 1831 Town Map.*
- 1860 County Map.*
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.*
- Antiquities, Historicals and Graduates of Northampton, S. Clark, 1882 pp. 162-165.*