

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

s 258 Ryan Rd.

ic Name

riginal residence

resent residence

ship: Private individual
Private organization

Public

Original owner

OPTION:

Date late 19th c.

Source visual evidence

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings

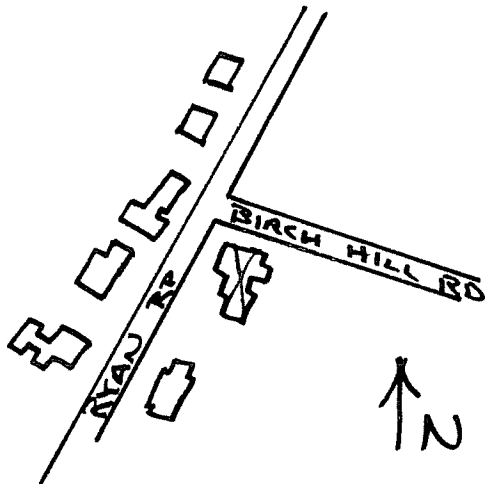
Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting

location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



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Organization NHC

Date June 1980

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is 2½ stories in height with gable end to the street and a 1½ story ell on the western side. Fish-scale shingles are used in decorative panels on the house and a one-story bay window with shed roof and fancy brackets projects from the facade. The main entrance is located to the west of the bay window and is covered by a raking hood with side brackets.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Ryan Rd. was originally known as West St., and first appeared on the 1831 map of Northampton as a connecting route between Florence (then known as Warner District) and West Farms. The 1873 atlas is the first to show houses along this street, most of which were located near Florence, and by 1895 most of the street north of this site to Florence was lined with houses, with that portion of the street south of here to West Farms not being developed until after WW II.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1794 and 1831 Town Maps.
- 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.