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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

; 305 Ryan Rd.

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hip:  Private individual  
Private organization

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late 19th c.

cross streets and other buildings  
or geographical features.

Indicate north.

Source visual evidence

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Date

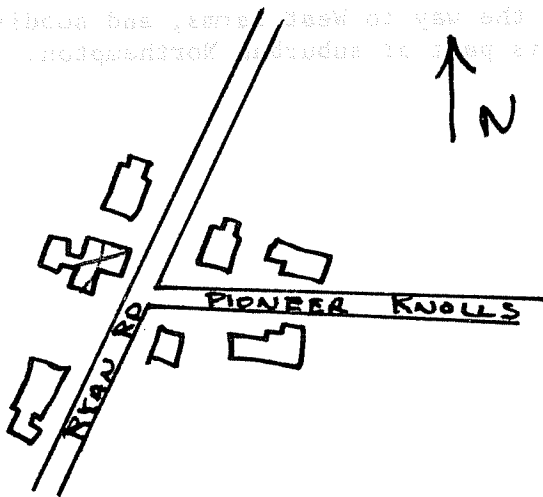
Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting

Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date June 1980



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

The house is 2 stories in height with gable end to the street and a 1½ story ell on the western side. The gables on the house are covered with fish-scale shingles, and a one-story porch covers the three-bay facade, extends along the western side to the ell, and covers the front of the ell. This porch has hipped roof and turned posts with fancy brackets.

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

Ryam 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 street began at the middle bridge of the three crossing the Mill River at Florence. The 1873 atlas is the first to show any residential development along this street, and that was limited to the first quarter mile west of Florence. By 1895 there were nearly 30 houses on West St., but they were all located along the northern half of the street. This house seems to be shown on this atlas, and is the southernmost house on the western side of the street. After WW II this area quickly expanded with houses lining the street all the way to West Farms, and subdivisions opened north and south of this street. Today this is part of suburban Northampton.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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