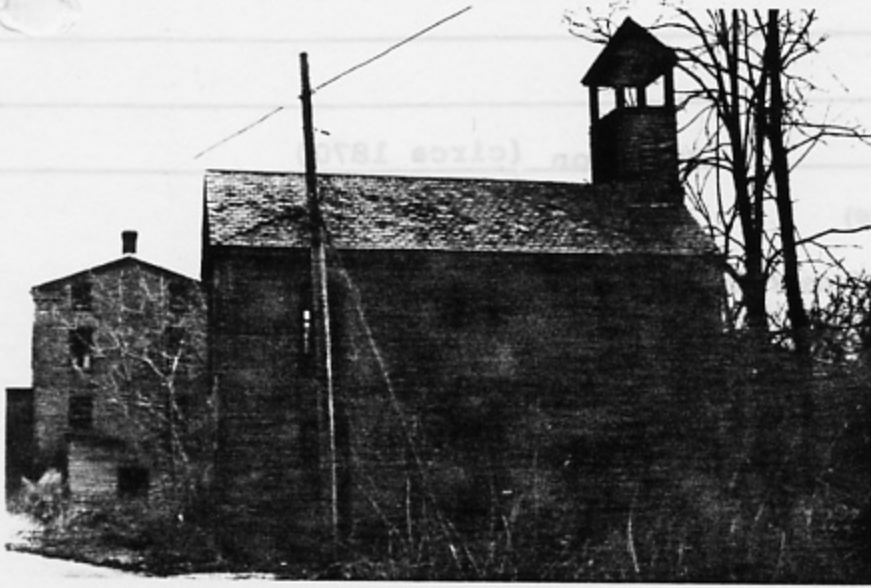


FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	30A-32

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



Northampton

Address Riverside Drive

Building Bay State Engine House

Present use vacant

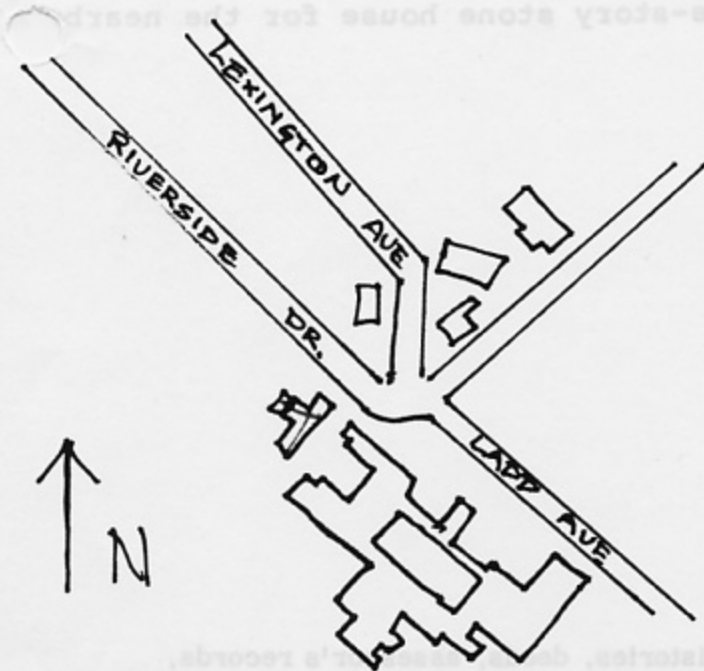
Present owner Northampton Cutlery Co.

Description:

c. 1840

Source _____

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features rear frame cupola,
tall chimney

Altered second floor addition Date c. 1870

Moved -- Date -

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Loneragan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use warehouse

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates firestation (circa 1870)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	<u> x </u>	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u> x </u>				

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

This building acquired its present form about 1870 when the need for a firestation at the village of Bay State became evident. The first floor appears to be of earlier date, with the northern side offering the best view. A clear division is seen just above the lintels of the first floor windows and the windows themselves are twelve over twelve. Most probably this was a one-story stone house for the nearby cutlery mill.

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

1860 County Map.

1873, 1884, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.