

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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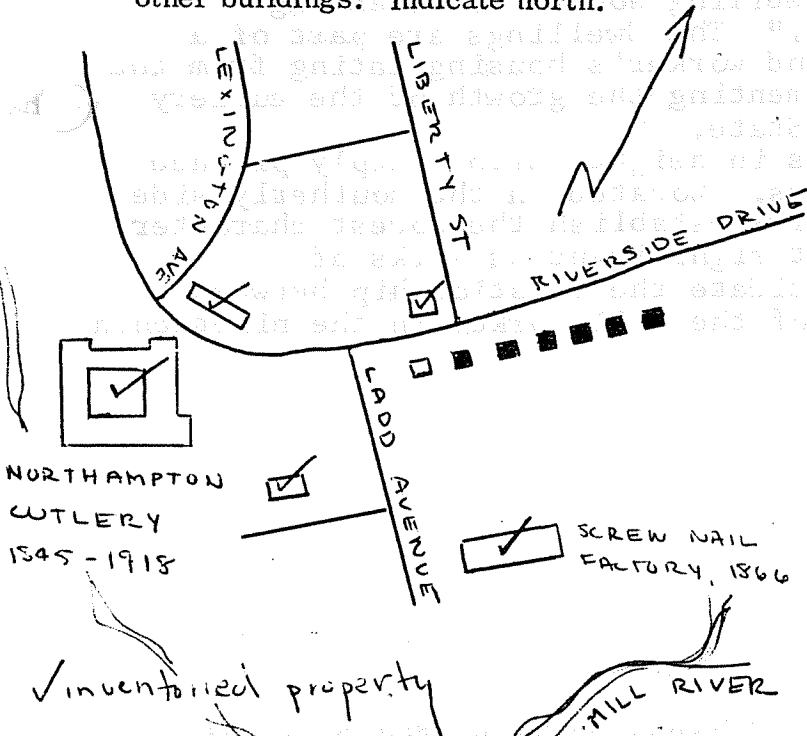


City Northampton  
Address Riverside Drive at Ladd Avenue  
Historical Name Worker's Housing, Bay State Hardware Company  
Present use Residences

Present owner various

Description:  
1860-1866  
Source Registry of Deeds, 236.300

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



Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 1 1/2 stories; wood frame dwellings with ridge roof, chimney; some later porches and entries.

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. Lot size:  
Less than one acre \_\_\_\_\_ total Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 360 feet

Approximate distance of building from street  
30 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date April 9, 1976

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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Original owner (if known) Bay State Hardware Company

Original use Worker's Housing

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates worker's housing, private residences

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Humanitarian	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____
Community development	_____				

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

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300

This group of six frame dwellings was erected by the Bay State Hardware Company in the mid-nineteenth century. The dwellings are mentioned in a deed from the Hardware Company to the International Screw Nail Company in 1866, selling "all the real estate ...lying southerly of the highway leading from Nutting's brickyard...together with six dwelling houses now standing thereon and occupied by tenants." The dwellings are part of a complex of factory structures and worker's housing dating from the mid nineteenth century and documenting the growth of the cutlery industry in the village of Bay State.

The dwellings are 1½ stories in height, with steeply pitched gable roofs and interior chimneys. Located on the southerly side of Riverside Drive, the structures establish the modest character of Bay State Village. While not significant as works of architecture, the dwellings elucidate the relationship between the employment and family life of the mill worker in the nineteenth century.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 1812.227, 898.423, 373.470, 346.121, 328.221, 263.181, 234.300.