

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	30B-80



1 Northampton (Bay State)  
 2 15 Ladd Avenue  
 3 Ladd Avenue and Clement St.

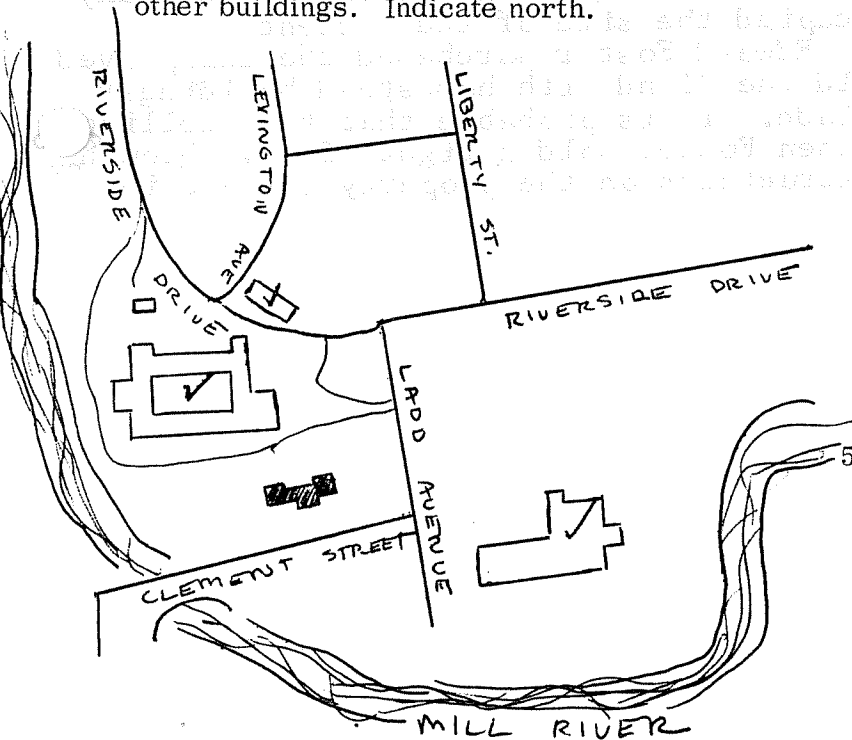
4 Cottage  
 5 residence

6 Henry & Eleanor Sicard

7 1865-1870  
 8 Registry of Deeds, 225.208,  
 9 277.1

10 Gothic Cottage

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



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
 USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
 MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

11 Architect unknown

12 Exterior wall fabric wood

13 Outbuildings (describe) none

14 Other features 2 stories, numerous gables; windows with arched cornices and gothic dripstone moldings

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

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

17 5. Lot size:  
 18 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 19 Approximate frontage 100 feet  
 20 Approximate distance of building from street  
 21 30 feet

22 6. Recorded by C. Dible

23 Organization Northampton Historical Commission  
 24 Date September 1975

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Edward Foster  
 Original use Residence  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| 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 | _____          |                            |       |                         |       |

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

This rural gothic cottage was built between 1865 and 1870 on land purchased from the Bay State Hardware Company, one of the many industrial concerns which occupied the site of the present Northampton Cutlery Company. Edward Foster purchased the unimproved land for \$275 in 1864 and sold the "land with homestead buildings" for \$2700 in 1871 to Harlow Ladd. It is probable that the dwelling was not constructed by 1868 when Foster sold a right of way through the property; no mention of structures on the property is made in the deed.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 1123.188, 983.318, 942.496, 923.451, 893.209, 833.233, 822.260, 818.63, 805.348, 595.291, 277.1, 225.208, 254.94.