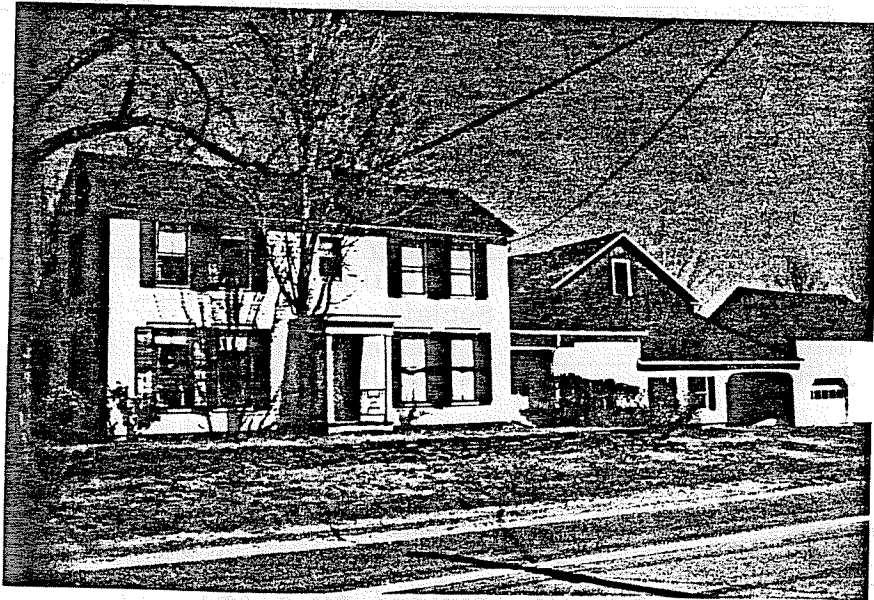


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
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Florence (Northampton)

Address 34 Bridge Road

Property Seth Warner Homestead

Present use Residence

Present owner W. Edwin Warner

Description:

1819

Source Sheffield, Charles
History of Florence, Mass.

Style Late Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Wood

Outbuildings (describe) Barn

Other features Gable roof, doric posts

on entranceway, flatness of

surface

Altered no Date _____

Moved from N. Main St. Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 300 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

60 feet

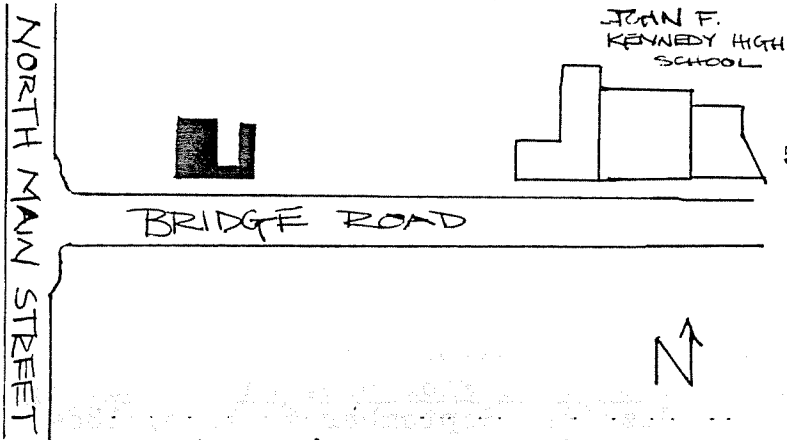
6. Recorded by L. Komaromi

Organization Northampton Historical
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Date March 6, 1976

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

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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE USGS Quadrant _____
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7. Original owner (if known) Seth Warner

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The Seth Warner home, built in 1819 is perhaps the most salient edifice in the Florence community, today. It was Joseph Warner who had the first house built in the village in 1778. Thus, the Warners were to become Florence's "first family." Shortly thereafter, Solomon Warner was to establish a tavern under his name that was situated on the stage route to Williamsburg and proved to be a noteworthy inn for the area. It is important to mention that the family owned much of the land most charmingly called Bear Hill which was the site of the Warner School District. The Warner family is still a rather cohesive and prominent faction in Florence today. They have retained ownership of the Seth Warner homestead; a period that spans one hundred and sixty years. Architecturally speaking, it is reminiscent of the Late Federal Mode with that keen sense of monumentality as well as the accompanying feature known as durability.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Sheffield, Charles. History of Florence, Massachusetts, Springfield, Mass. 1894. Hampshire Gazette, September 6, 1886, 1884 Atlas of Northampton, Mass.