

FORM B - BUILDING

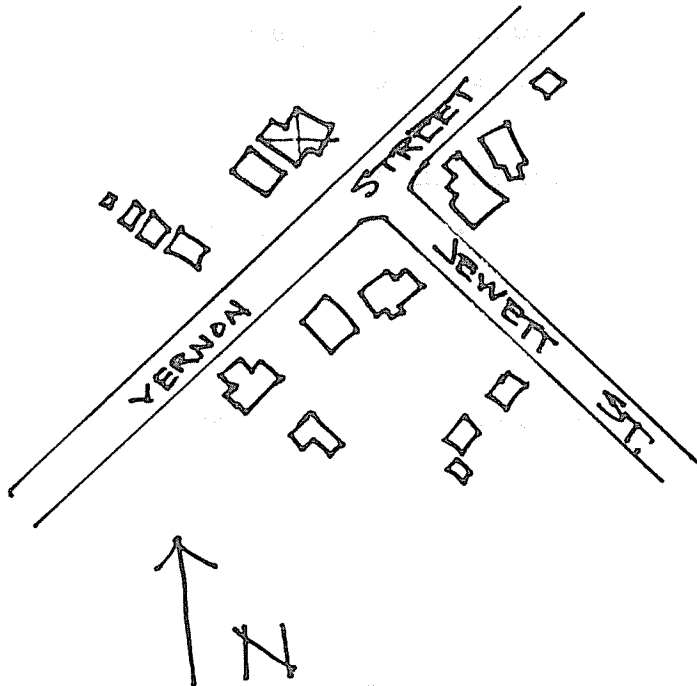
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Northampton

Address 17 Vernon St.

Present use residence

Present owner Howard and Evangeline Meehan

Description:

c. 1850

Source Reg. of Deeds

Architect

Exterior wall fabric board and batten

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered small side addition Date 20th c.

Moved -- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less      Over one acre     

Approximate frontage     

Approximate distance of building from street     

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Original use residence \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Vernon Street was originally known as Paper Mill Road and was laid out from Elm Street along the present day path to the intersection of Federal Street. Here, it descended the bluffs and led to the paper mill at the confluence of Broughton Meadow Brook and the Mill River. The paper mill was founded in the late 1780's, so the road probably dates from that period.

This small cottage is first mentioned in an 1866 deed as the residence of William Clark, Jr. Mr. Clark was one of the owners of the paper mill and his family owned considerable property on Elm Street.

The house is 1½ stories in height with gable end to the street and a one-story ell on the western side. The exterior of the cottage is covered with board and batten.

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

- 1854 and 1860 County Maps
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 346-P.169, 135-146, 121-316 and 317
- Northampton Directory: 1868-69