

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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1. Northampton

Address 21 Vernon St.

Name N. Kearney House

Present use residence

Present owner Howard Meehan et al.

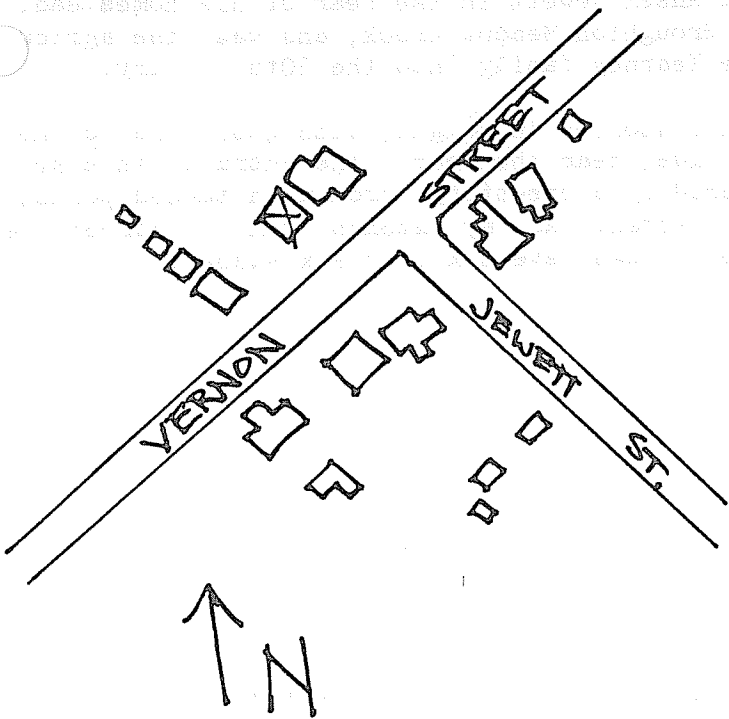
Description:

Construction c. 1850

Source Reg. of Deeds

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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) William Clark

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)

A house is first mentioned on this lot in 1847. At that time the property was owned by William Clark, the owner of the paper mill, but William Colson was listed as the occupant of the homestead. In 1850 Mr. Clark sold a one-acre parcel, "now improved and occupied by said Karney" to Nicholas "Karney" for \$400. Mr. Kearney also purchased several acres of land from Ansel Jewett in the rear of his homestead. This land sloped down from the bluffs to Broughton Meadow Brook, and was fine agricultural land. The property remained in the Kearney family into the 20th century.

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories in height, with gable end to the street and a cross gables on the western side, near the rear. The entrance is also located on the western side and is sheltered by a one-story porch with turned posts, cut-out brackets and balustrade. A small rectangular bay extends from the streetside, and there is an oculus in the gable. The windows have six over six sashes.

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. 174-P. 252, 173-577, 135-152, 121-316.  
 Northampton Directory: 1873-74, 1900.