

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-109



Northampton

Address 76 Vernon St.

Name G. Clark House

Use residence

Present owner Alice Manning

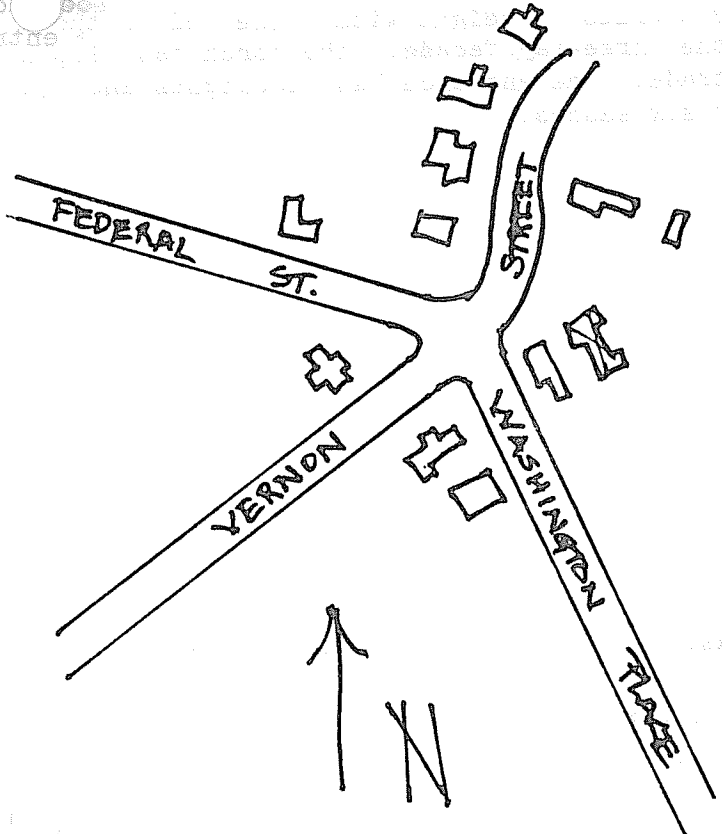
Description:

Period 1865-68

Source Reg. of Deeds

Architect _____

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



Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features 6x6 windows, door with sidelights, front porch with posts, brackets and balustrade.

Altered sided Date mid 20th c.

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street 15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) George H. Clark

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

In 1865 George H. Clark, a papermaker, bought two acres in the "northeast corner of the 'Paradise Lot'", for \$400. Mr. Clark was probably related to William Clark the owner of the nearby paper mill. George Clark's house was built on the outside of the curve in Paper Mill Rd. (now known as Vernon St.). This was the point where the road left the top of the bluffs and descended into the meadows near the confluence of Broughton Meadow Brook and the Mill River, where the paper mill was located.

The house is 1 and 1/2 stories in height with gable end to the tree and a one-story, hipped roof porch across the three-bay facade. The porch has simple square posts, cut-out brackets and a balustrade. The entrance has sidelights and plain architrave, while the windows have six over six sashes.

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

1860 County Map, 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 255-P. 278, 228-307 and 317.
 Northampton Directory: 1873-74.