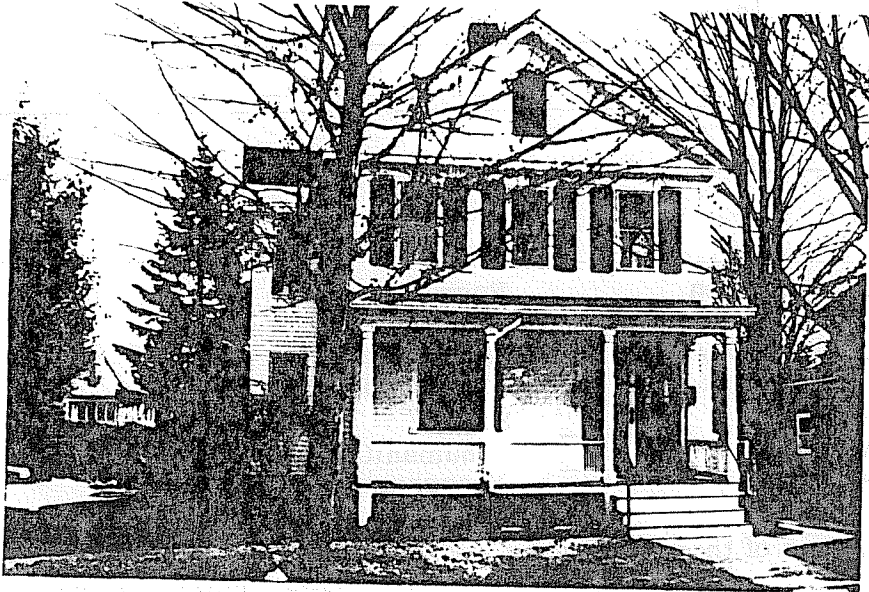


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-115



Northampton

Address 38 Vernon St.

Name L. Clark House

Use residence

Present owner Anthony and Hattie Misch

Description:

c. 1861

Source Reg. of Deeds

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features pedimented gable with "Gothic" window inside, 1-story front porch with posts and balustrade.

Altered double doorway, Date early 20th c

Moved large window Date _____

5. Lot size:
One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

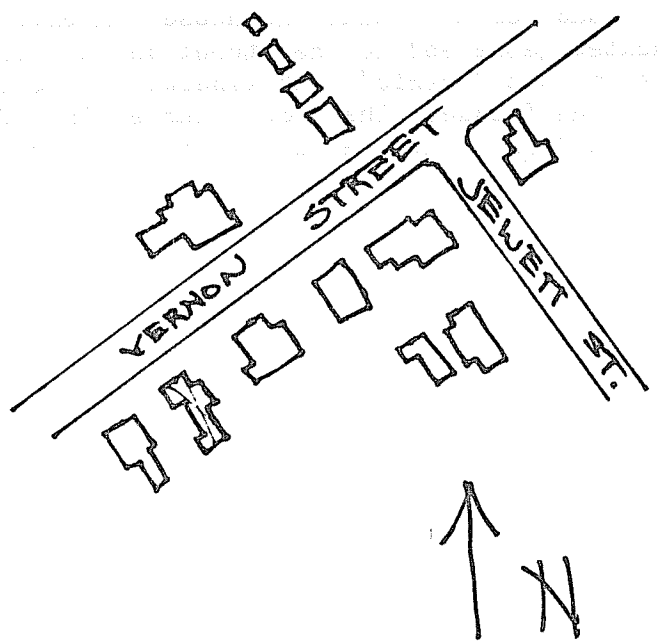
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Luther H. 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/
settlement | _____ | 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)

Luther H. Clark purchased the L and 3/4 acre "Shallow Lot" in 1861 for \$450. At that time the site was described as atop "Paper Mill Hill". Vernon St. had originally been called "Paper Mill Road", and connected Elm St. to the paper mill on the Mill River. The road ran along the top of the bluff, until the present day intersection of Federal St., before descending the slope to the mill.

Mr. Clark was a carpenter and perhaps built the house himself. It's 2 and 1/2 stories in height, with pedimented gable end to the street and a cross gable on the northern side. Within the tympanum is a "Gothic" sash window. A one-story porch with posts and blaustrade extnedes across the facade. The porch, large first floor window and double entrance are all modifications done about the turn-of-the-century.

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. 200-P. 84, 64-602.