

FORM B - BUILDING

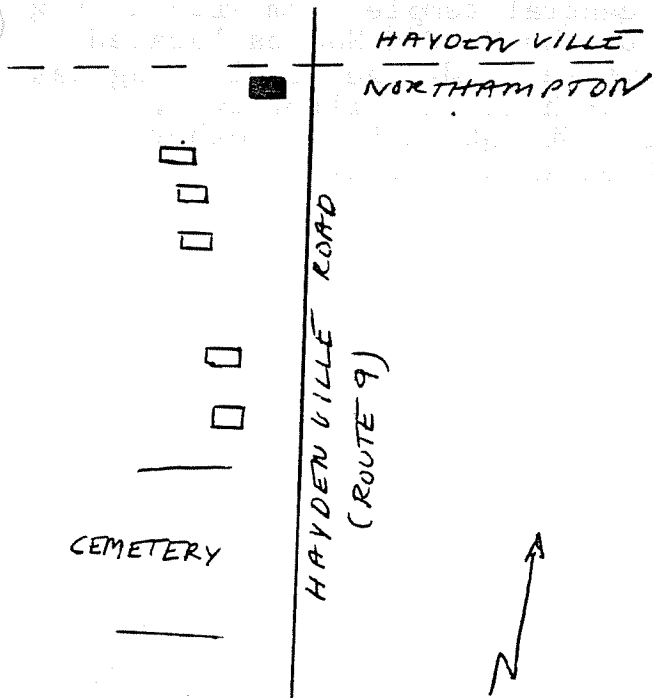
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no. 6-1
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Leeds (Northampton)
666 Haydenville Road at town line
Widow Johnson Residence
 use residence
 owner Kenneth & Stephanie Vile
 ion:
c. 1840
style; Hampshire County
Registry of Deeds
Greek Revival

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



Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric wood
 Outbuildings (describe) Barn
 Other features free standing portico with 4 columns
Italianate window in pediment
 Altered other wing removed? Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre x
 Approximate frontage 181 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
75 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission
 Date January 27, 1976

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 USGS Quadrant _____
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Original owner (if known) Husband of Widow Sylvia Johnson

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This Greek Revival residence located on the Northampton-Williamsburg line is the principal structure on a large parcel of farmland. The property was in the Towers family through most of the later nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It appears that the residence was built for a Johnson for a sale of the surrounding property in 1848 mentions that the Widow Sylvia Johnson is residing in the house.

The plan of the structure--a central temple form with a wing to the south--indicates a similarity to the Hayden Houses located about one mile to the north on Haydenville Road. The single wing was probably balanced by a second to the north at an earlier time. An Italianate window appearing in the pediment indicates other alteration took place in the later nineteenth century.

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

Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, 1545.198, 1233.318, 1186.65, 1096.23-30, 964.366, 357.133, 125.197, 125.197.