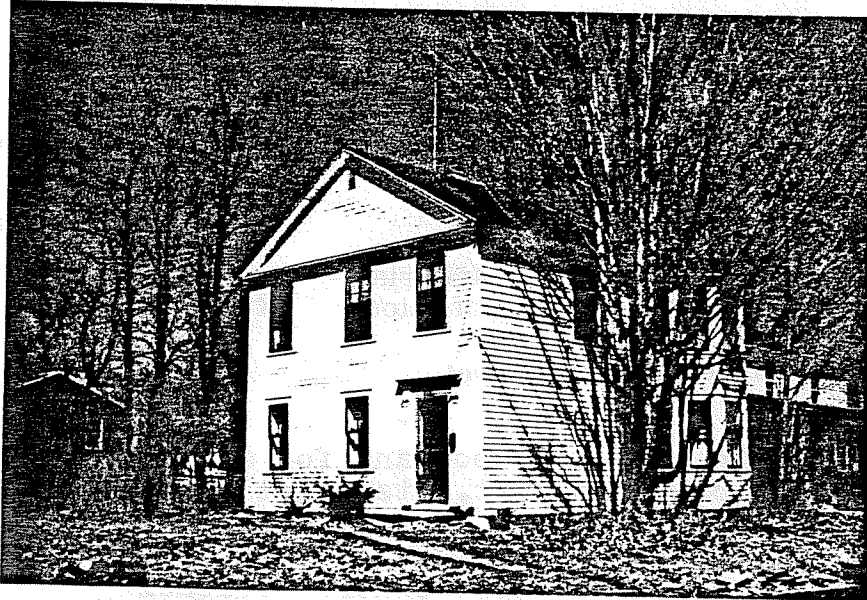


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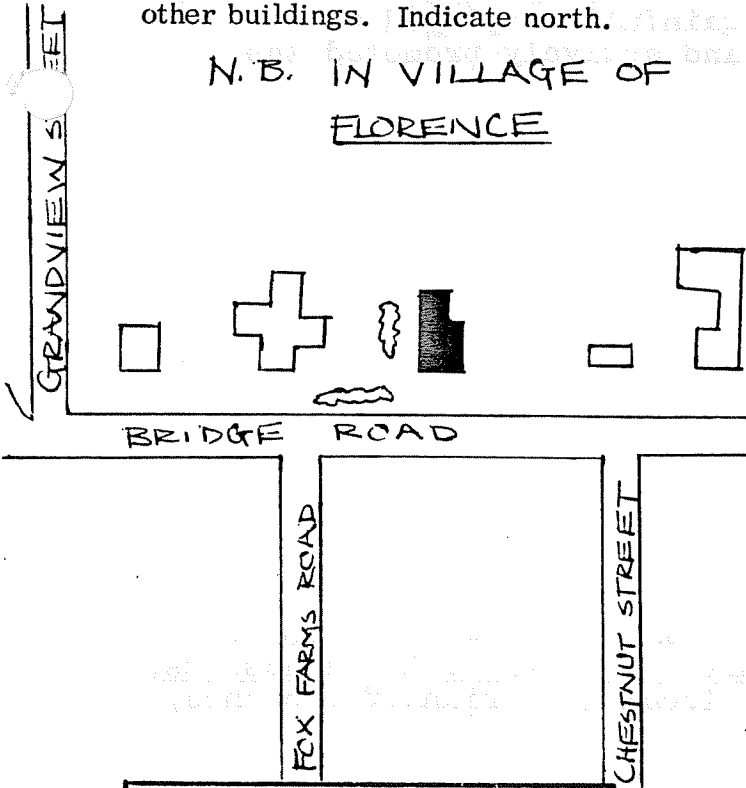
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Florence (Northampton)  
340 Bridge Road  
Col. Cecil Dwight Home  
Residence  
Harold K. Fitzgerald  
1819  
Sheffield, Charles  
History of Florence, Mass.  
Late Federal

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

N. B. IN VILLAGE OF  
FLORENCE



Arcnitect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Wood  
 Outbuildings (describe) none  
 Other features Gable roof, doric columns at entranceway  
 Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 Less than one acre x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 572 feet  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
50 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
 USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
 MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by L. Komaromi  
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7. Original owner (if known) Col. Cecil Dwight

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	<u>x</u>	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ Humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	<u>x</u>
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

The Cecil Dwight Home, built in 1819 is important for a variety of reasons. Within a historical context, its location is relevant; having been situated on the Boston/Albany Stagecoach route.

Perhaps of greater significance is its first owner. Colonel Dwight was a conspicuous resident having represented Northampton in the state legislature of 1812. Essentially, he held many diversified positions including that of a deputy sheriff, auctioneer and colonel of the militia. He was gainfully employed as an arbitrator in controversial matters and actively promoted the material interests of the town.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Sheffield, Charles. History of Florence, Massachusetts, Springfield, Mass. 1894. Charles Stark, local historian of Florence, Mass.

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