

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31D-21

749



Northampton

Address 175 West Street

Present use Residence

Present owner Northampton State Hospital

Description:

c. 1860

Source visual evidence

Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) garage

Other features 2½ stories; enclosed

gable ends; dentils; stone lintels;

2 chimneys in rear roof slope

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 750 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

60 feet

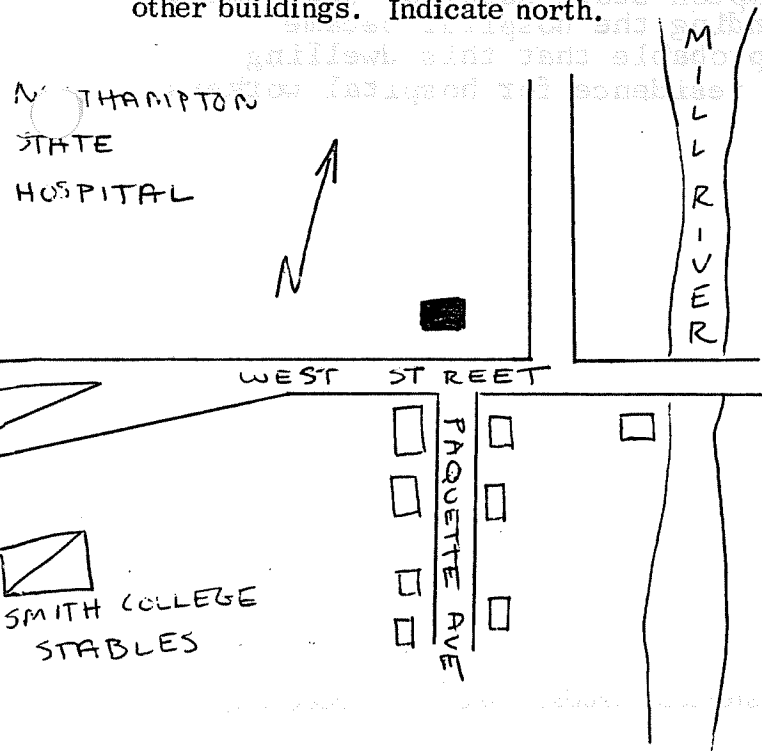
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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7. Original owner (if known) unknown (not researched)
 Original use residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Located on land of Northampton State Hospital, this well built brick dwelling is of classical proportions with finely dentillated corniceline and entrance portico supported by Doric columns. The size of the structure and the width of the stone lintels date it c.1860, rather late for the Greek Revival, the closest identifiable source.

The first buildings of the Northampton State Hospital were built in the 1850's and the area surrounding the hospital became known as "Hospital Hill". It is probable that this dwelling was first built as a farmhouse or residence for hospital workers.

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