

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	31D-88

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

53 West St.

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iginal residence

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hip: Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner _____

PTION: _____

mid 19th century

cross streets and other buildings Date _____

or geographical features. Source Maps and visual evidence

Indicate north. _____

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric asphalt shingles

Outbuildings ---

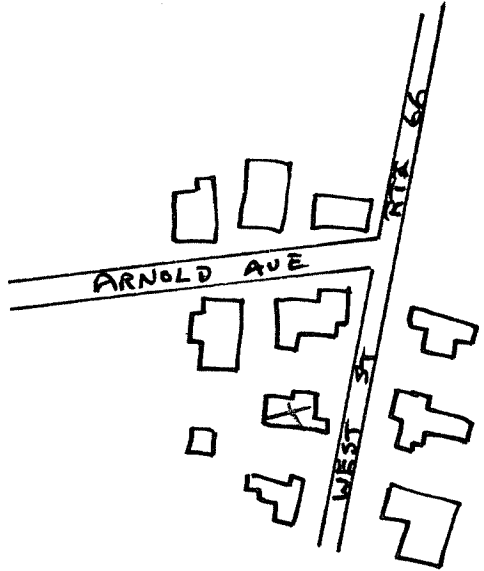
Major alterations (with dates) _____

sided- mid 20th c.

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting _____



Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date June 1980

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is 2½ stories in height with ridge roof and two inset chimneys. The symmetrical five-bay facade has a central wall gable with stylized "Palladian" window therein. A one-story porch covers the facade and has a flat roof with projecting cornice, chamfered posts with carved brackets and pattered balustrade. Behind the porch is the central entrance flanked on either side by a pair of full-length windows. The other windows on the house are all redtangular with two over two sashes and capped by simple cornices supported by end modillions.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

West St. was one of the early colonial street in Northampton. It was voted a highway in 1660, and by the mid 18th century was the beginning of the "highway" to Westhampton. The 1831 map shows three homesteads along the street between Green St. and the Mill River.

It is possible that this is an earlier structure remodelled, but more probable that the house was built in the ols "Colonial" sashion with updated detailing in the mid 19th century.

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