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2. Town NORTHAMPTON

Street address 8 West Street

Name Higbee House

Use: original & present Home- now
apartments

Present owner Smith College

Open to public no

Date before 1740 Style Colonial

Source of date tradition (also see
Bibliography)

Architect unknown

Development of town/city

Architectural reason for inventorying:
age- style

----- OR part of Area # -----

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material brick

WALL COVER: Wood Brick Stone Other

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular 1 on ell Cluster Elaborate

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4+ balcony on ell (newer) PORTICO yes Balcony

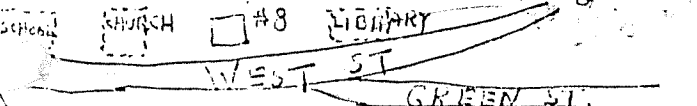
FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament

Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details: 2 pilasters on sides of front door

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings



6. Footage of structure from street 20
Property has 60 feet frontage on street

Recorder Miriam E. Peters

For Northampton Historical Society

Photo # _____ Date 1970

SEE REVERSE SIDE

received 6/72

RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

760

- 1. Outbuildings _____
- 2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal
 Predominant features Hedge in front- large trees- informal planting
 Landscape architect _____
- 3. Neighboring Structures
 Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.
 Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern
 Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated
 and academic (library, school)

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

Tradition says that this house stood originally on King Street and was moved to its present location in 1740. Also that the first Northampton wedding took place here - that of David Burt and Mary Holton on November 15, 1655. It is much changed outwardly but the interior has been preserved. There are still logs visible which attest to the simplicity of the original structure.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

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RESTRICTIONS _____

Original Owner: Burt (?)
 Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____, _____ Registry of Deeds