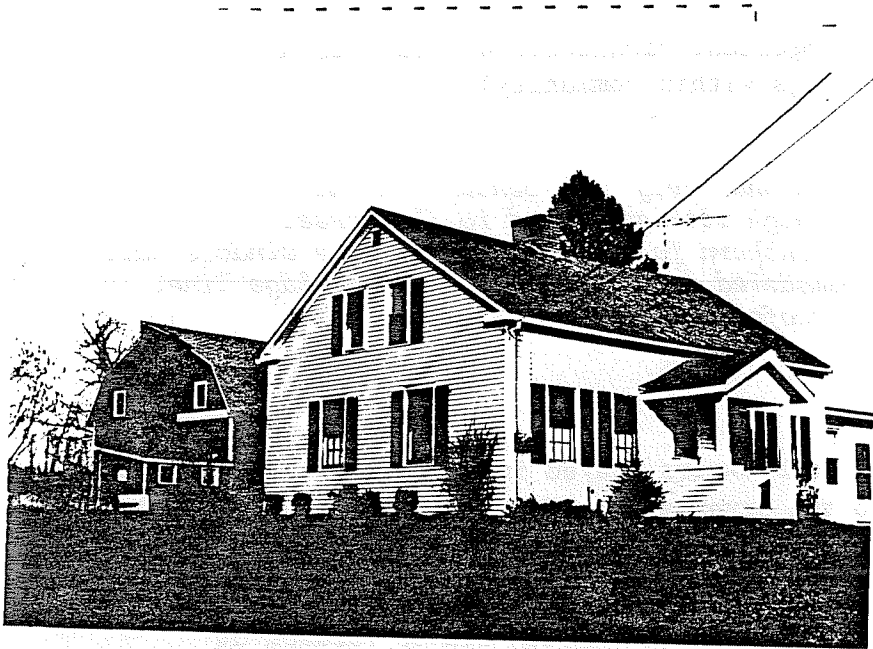


FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

373 North Farms Road

Local Name Bridgeman House

Original residence

Present "

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Bridgeman family

OPTION:

Date early 19th C

Source visual evidence

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric vinyl siding

Outbuildings large barn

Major alterations (with dates)

sided mid 20th C

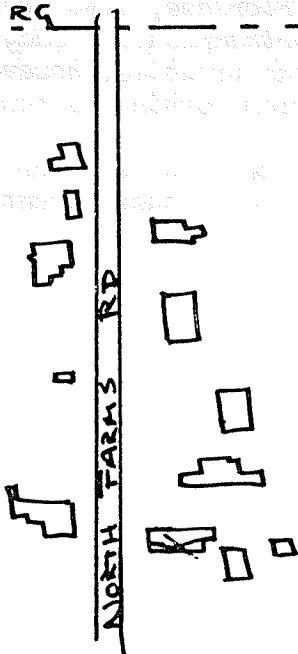
Moved --- Date

Approx. acreage

Setting

Indicate cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.

WILLIAMSBURG



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)

This house was probably built in the early 19th century on the Bridgeman homestead and is 1½ stories high with gable end to the street, and the main entrance located on the southern face of the house. The windows have six over six sashes and there is a remodeled central chimney on the ridge line. Behind the house is a large, gambrel-roofed barn.

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

North Farms is located about a mile and a half north of the village of Florence on the road to Whately. Originally known as Horse Mountain, this section is some four miles from the center of Northampton and is located at between 250 and 400 feet of elevation on the southeastern slopes of Horse Mountain, a long, north-south running mountain located mostly in Hatfield.

About 1759, the town voted Noah Bridgeman a tract of land in this area. This settlement, and the one at what is now known as Florence, were the earliest out-districts, which are still within the Northampton of today. No settlement had occurred prior to this because of Indian troubles, however the end of the French and Indian wars eliminated the problem within the township.

Noah Bridgeman and his son, also named Noah, were the first settlers of this area, establishing their homestead here at the time of their grant. The homestead remained in the Bridgeman family until 1860.

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