

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

408 Bridge ~~St~~ RD

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hip: Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

iginal owner _____

PTION:

cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.

Date _____ c. 1800; c. 1850

Indicate north.

Source Reg. of Deeds and present owner

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

enlarged- c. 1850

Moved _____ Date _____

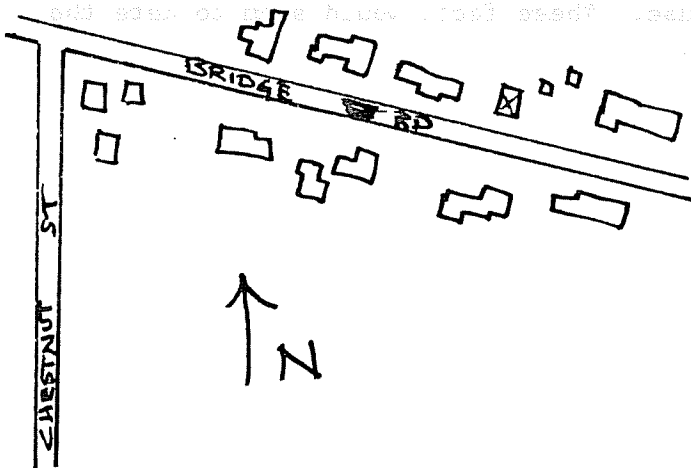
Approx. acreage over one acre

Setting _____

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Organization NHC

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

The house is 2½ stories in height with pedimented end to the street. The tympanum is covered with flush boarding and features a stylized Palladian window with central four over four rectangular sash window flanked by blank forms. The three-bay facade has a central entrance flanked by pilasters and crowned by an entablature, and windows with six over six sashes and plain surrounds.

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

This farmhouse has been traced back to Moses Hunt, who sold the property in 1837. The house is shown on the 1831 map and according to the present owner probably is earlier in date. In 1852 William and Caroline Moore purchased this farmstead, consisting of eleven acres, for \$1000. However, within the deed it is stated that they are already occupying the premises, probably as tenant farmers. The Moore family maintained this property for the rest of the 19th century.

The property is described as being within the Inner Commons near Millstone Mountain, and fronting on the highway from the Connecticut River bridge to Florence, North Farms and Williamsburg. This road dates from the 18th century and appears on the first map of Northampton, dated 1794. According to the present owner the house originally was only 1½ stories in height with ridge roof. A twelve over twelve sash window is located in the rear of the house. These facts would seem to date the house to the late 18th or early 19th century.

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