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

Northampton

Address 7 Market Street

Williams House (1/2)

Present use Residence

Present owner Mrs. Michael Tomeo

Description:

c. 1700

Source tradition

colonial vernacular

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 1/2 house--three bays wide w/chimney; entranceway with thin flat pilasters

Altered bisected 1912 Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 50 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 20 feet

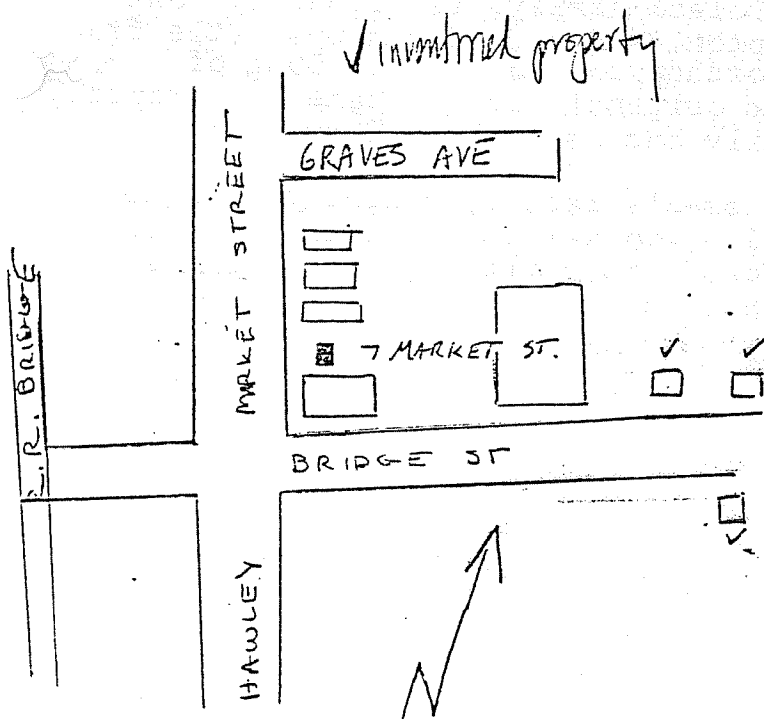
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Date May 15, 1975



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) Richard Long (?)

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/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | _____ | | | | |

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

The remaining half of the Williams House on Market Street, is said to be one of the oldest dwellings in Northampton.

"It is thought by some local historians that the house may be one of the oldest in Northampton. An ancient deed to the property, possessed by the Poletto family, is signed by John Pynchon, founder of Northampton. The deed conveys title from Thomas Strong and Wife of Northampton to Richard Long of Hartford. Later the lot and original house became the property of the Michael Williams family and is still referred to as "The Williams House"."

Joseph Poletto, Mrs. Tomeo's father, bought the house and lot in 1912. A Mr. Risley who was involved in the purchase tore down his part of the house and built a small business on the northerly half of the lot.

The exterior of the half-house is very plain; the interiors retain many original features.

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

Scrap book #23, Northampton Historical Society.