

FORM B - BUILDING

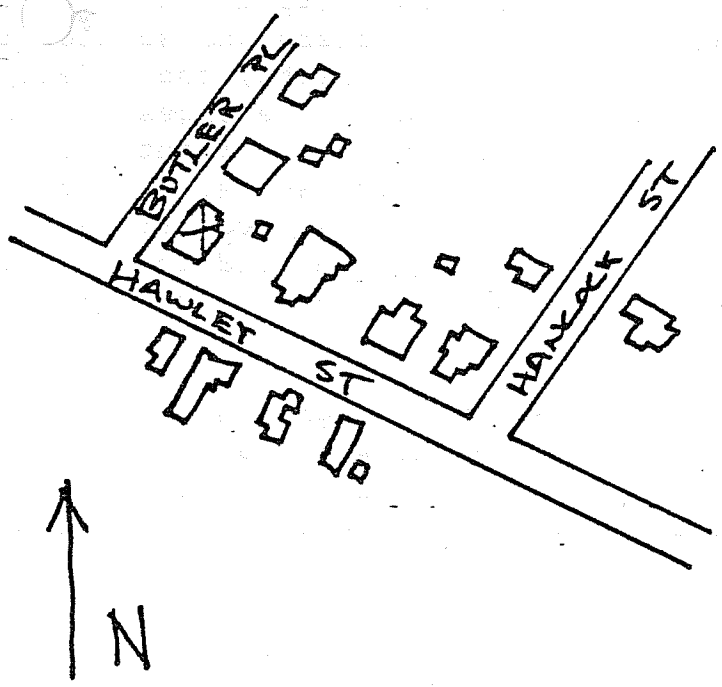
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Northampton
 Address 58 Hawley St.
 Name William Butler House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Robert and Audrey Wade

3. Description:
 Date c. 1800
 Source Req. of Deeds
 Style _____
 Architect --
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) --
 Other features _____

 Altered _____ Date _____
 Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 102'
 Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by C. Dubie and E. Lonergan
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 Date January 15, 1975 and January 1980

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____ residence _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

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

The house was probably built near the end of the 18th century. William Butler obtained 1 and 1/4 acres "with the house thereon standing" in 1803. He possibly rebuilt at this time, but most likely the house dates back to the last two decades of the 18th century when the property was owned by Quartus Pomeroy.

William Butler, a printer from Hartford, Connecticut, settled in Northampton in 1786. He was the first of the three Butlers who settled in town. In the same year he established the Hampshire Gazette, the oldest continuously published paper in Massachusetts, and one of the oldest in the country. He also established a paper mill on the Mill River about the same time. This was one of the first in western Massachusetts, and was operated by him until 1817. From 1817 to 1836 his younger brother Daniel operated the mill. In 1815, owing to ill health, William sold the paper. Simeon Butler, William's cousin, continued the other facets of the Butler business: a job printing office, a book bindery and a book store.

The house continued in the Butler family through most of the 19th century. It is two and a half stories in height with gable roof to the side. The facade is five bays wide and features an open portico in the Roman Doric mode. Fluted pilasters flank the entrance and a fanlight is overhead.

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

- 1854 and 1860 County Maps. " 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 20-P. 596, 18-117, 13-327, 11-184 and 407, 2-177.
- Antiquities, Historicals and Graduates of Northampton (1882) pp.184-187.
- "A Chronicle of Industry on the Mill River", Smith College Studies in History Vol. 21, p. 22.