

FORM B - BUILDING

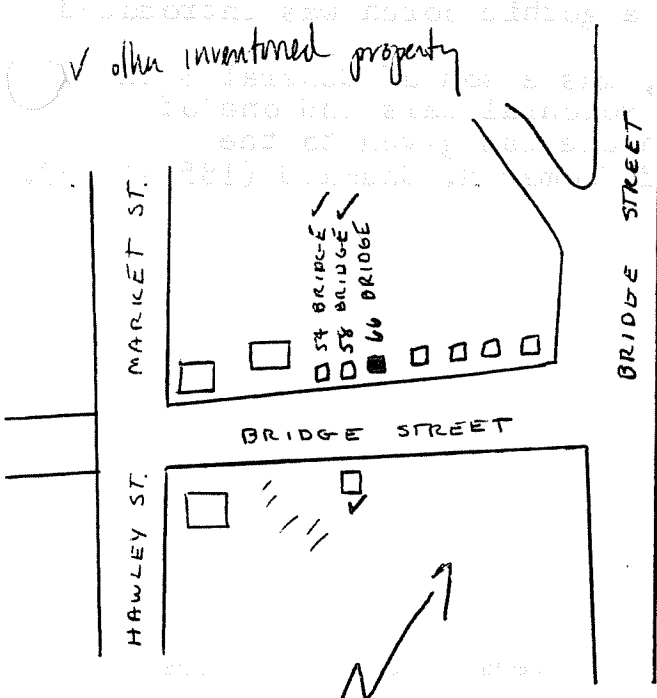
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
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Northampton
 ss 66 Bridge Street
Shepard House
 int use residence/museum
 ent owner Northampton Historical Society
 ription:
1792
 ource Historical Society
 e late colonial
 hitect Built by Asahel Pomeroy

Exterior wall fabric clapboards
 Outbuildings (describe) shed
 Other features 5 bays wide; two interior chimneys; window cornices; 19th century porch
 Altered porch added Date 19th cen.
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 75 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
15 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission
 Date June 1975

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7. Original owner (if known) Asahel Pomeroy

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

The large, late colonial style house at 66 Bridge Street is known as the Shepard House and is now part of the Northampton Historical Society complex of buildings. The dwelling, built in 1792, fell prey to the various owners' attempts to remodel the residence in accordance with the current style of architecture. Sometime in the early nineteenth century the west facade received a porch supported by columns; later in the century a gothic porch was introduced in the south (front) facade.

The builder, Asahel Pomeroy, was a son of General Seth Pomeroy, a famous soldier of the Colonial Wars and one of the heroes of Bunker Hill. The house was given to the Historical Society in the will of Thomas M. Shepard (1856-1923).

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Representative Families of Northampton; "Seth Pomeroy", lecture by Thomas Monroe Shepard; file on Shepard House, Northampton Historical Society.