

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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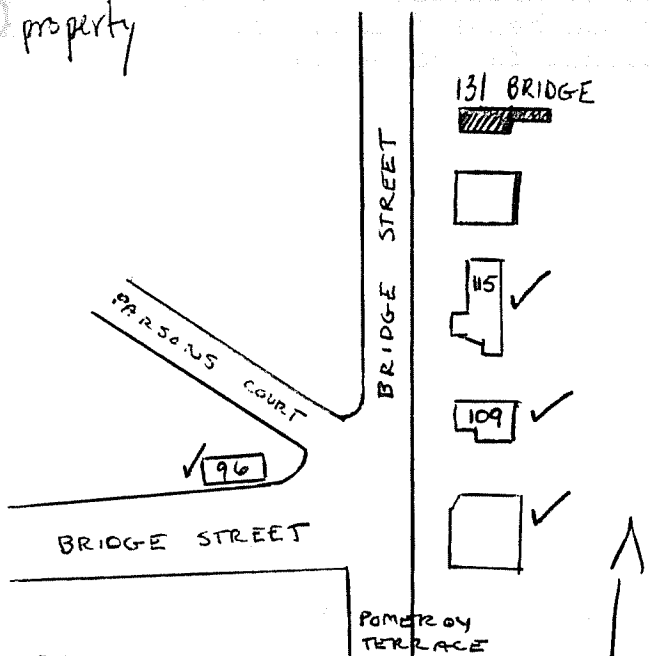
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Town Northampton
Address 131 Bridge Street
Name Parsons House
Present use Residence
Present owner Josiah W. Parsons
Description:
Date 1835
Source Present owner
Style 18th century style
Architect unknown

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

✓ other inventoried property



Exterior wall fabric clapboards
Outbuildings (describe) Barns not now owned by Parsons; moved to present location.
Other features ridge roof, central chimney; gable end street; later 19th cen. bay right front
Altered bay and wing Date later 19th century
Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 150 feet
Approximate distance of building from street 50 feet

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USGS Quadrant _____
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6. Recorded by Emmy C. Clausing
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7. Original owner (if known) Josiah Parsons (d. 1899)
 Original use Residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| 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 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 original owner was an early relative of the present owner. The house has remained in the Parsons family for virtually its whole existence. Assessor's books trace the property back to 1867 when Isaac Clark sold the land to Josiah Parsons. The present owner claims that that Josiah Parsons built the house in 1835. The Parsons name is an old one, and the development of Bridge Street is already tied to the Parsons name (Cornet Joseph Parsons).

The house is very plain and lacking specific references to 18th or nineteenth century styles of architecture. A later wing, bay, and portico added on the southeast facade are evidences of expansion of the functional farmhouse in the later nineteenth century.

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

Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 1009.32, 833.250, 648.27, 647.214, 314.135.