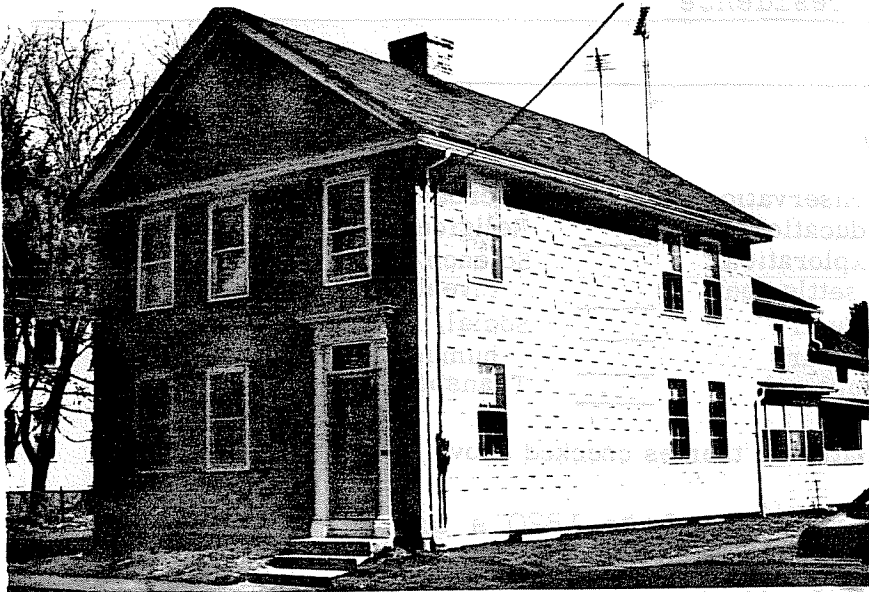


FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



Northampton

Address 38 Fruit Street

House

Present use Residence

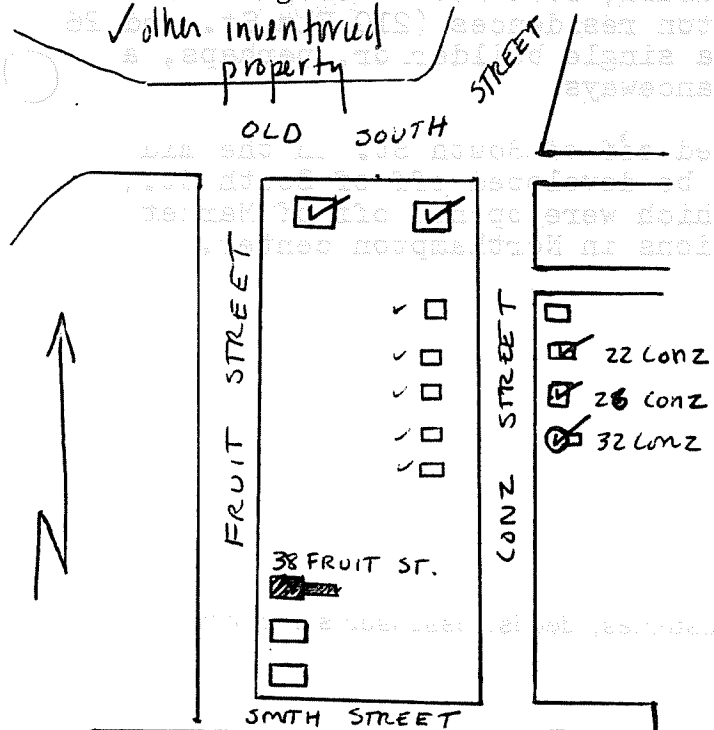
Present owner Locharles Remas

Description: c. 1830

Access visual

Greek Revival

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



Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric asphalt shingles (over clapboards?)

Outbuildings (describe) shed

Other features 3 bays wide, 4 deep; gable end faces street; off-center entranceway with pilasters & unique motif in transom

Altered additions-rear Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 100 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 5 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Recorded by C. Dible

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date June 30, 1975

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7. Original owner (if known) Thomas Shepherd and Mases A. Pomeroy

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This house was built in the late 1820's and first used as a rental property. Fruit St. was described as a "new road lately opened by Daniel Stebbins" in 1828. Thus, this is one of the first houses constructed on the street. The facade, three bays wide, features a pedimented gable with heavy cornice and an off-center entranceway, which is of particular interest. Pilasters and a full entablature frame a door and transom. The transom, taller than usual, features a design motif which appears in several other Northampton residences (210 Elm St. and 26 Union St.), raising the possibility of a single builder or, perhaps, a craftsman who worked on all of the entranceways.

Fruit St. and Conz St. were opened off of South St. in the mid 1820's. These were the first street to be developed off of South St., and along with Union and Cherry Sts., which were opened off of Market St., represent the first major subdivisions in Northampton center.

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. 294-P. 138, 170-33, 155-112, 87-133, 87-132, 62-275,  
 59-603, 57-421.