

SEE REVERSE SIL

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is two stories in height with a hipped roof, two interior chimneys and a large cupola. The cupola has three small sash windows on each side and is capped by a flaring, pyramidal roof. The five-bay facade is covered woth flush boarding and features a central entrance with portico. The slightly recessed door has sidelights flanked by paired pilasters, and fretwork enclosing the sidelights and pilasters. The front of the portico is supported by paired Doric columns. A one-story bay wondow is located on the southern side of the house.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

A large, imposing house set on the outside of Hawley St.'s curve, this residence dominates the middle section of the street. Hawley St. was one of the first streets in Northampton and homesteads were established here during the 17th century. A brook ran along the western side of the street, limiting residential development to the eastern side. Many of these homesteads remained in the same family for generations, and it wasn't until the early 19th century that there was much subdivision of the original lots.

This property was in the Dickinson family from some time in the 18t century until 1864. In 1812 James Diskinson, a merchant who was already living on the property, obtained 1 and 1/3 acres with buildings for \$500. The grantors, Frederick and Charles Dickinson were selling the honestead of their late father Josiah Dickinson, and reserved the right of their mother to use the premises. It was probably after her death that James Dickinson either substantially remodeled and enlarged the old house, or built a new one. After Mr. Dickinson's death the property passed to George P. Dickinson, who maintained the property until 1864. At that time it was bought for \$4300 by Daniel Kingsley, a merchant tailor. Mr. Kingsley lived here until the early 1880's. In 1883 his heirs sold the property to John P. Thompson. Mr. Thompson was proprietor of the Northampton Empire Laundry and lived here until the 1920's, when the current owners purchased the place.

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