

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	32C-268

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1. Town Northampton

Address 30 Williams St.

Name W. Strong House

Present use residence

Present owner Peter and Stella Baye

Description:

Construction 1854-60

Source Maps

Reference

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) large barn

Other features extended house

connected to large barn

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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Map in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) william Strong

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This land is part of the Lt. Nathaniel Strong homestead which was established on Hawley St. c. 1700. Until the mid 19th century there were no street between Hawley and the Venturer's Field section of the meadows, and the Strong family farmed many acres here. After Joseph Strong's death in 1860 most of the homestead passed into the hands of General Benjamin Cook. However, two sons retained small portions for their homestead. Daniel's was on Hawley St. and William's was described as rear of Hawley St. William Stong's house first appears on the 1860 map, set back by itself from Hawley St., but by 1873 Williams St. had been laid out, and connected Pomeroy Terrace to the old Hockanum Rd. Most of the development of Williams St. was due to the large silk mill on the lower end of Hawley St. This parcel, however, remained a farm, and continues to operate as such today.

The house is two and a half stories in height, gable end to the street with a cross gable on the southern side. The gables are pedimented and the front one contains and oculus. The house is extended to the rear, through a kitchen ell and a small barn to connect to the large, gabled barn.

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

- 1854 and 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1860-61, 1873-74.