

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

5-7 Henry St.

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resent residential

hip: Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

iginal owner _____

PTION: _____

cross streets and other buildings Date early 19th century (?)

or geographical features. Source visual evidence and maps

Indicate north. Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

side porches- late 19th c.

Moved --- Date _____

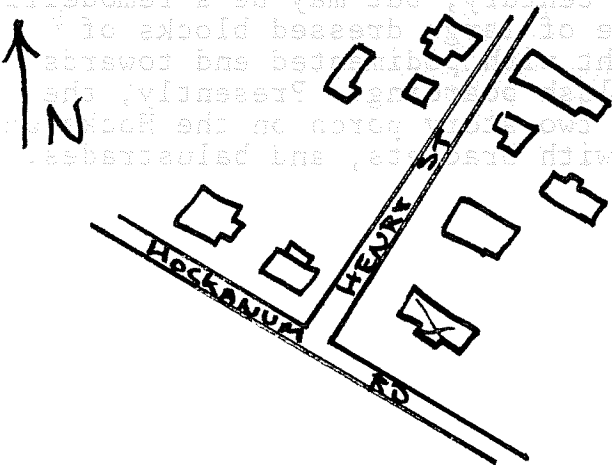
Approx. acreage _____

Setting _____

Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980



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

See Below.

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

Hockanum Rd. was originally known as Hockanum Ferry Rd. and led from the end of Pleasant St. on the eastern banks of the Mill River, southerly across the meadows to the Hockanum Ferry, which crossed the Connecticut River to a small settlement named Hockanum near the Hadley-South Hadley line. Henry St. was originally known as Venturers Field Rd. and led from Hockanum Ferry Rd. northeast across the meadows to Goodman's Ferry which crossed the Connecticut River to Hadley Center. Goodman's Ferry was established in 1664 and the Hockanum Ferry in 1755.

It is possible that this house was used as an inn or tavern because of its location, but no mention of such use has been found. The house appears to date from the early 19th century, but may be a remodelling of an older house. The foundation is made of large dressed blocks of granite. The house is 2½ stories in height with pedimented end towards Henry St. The tympanum is covered with flush boarding. Presently, the house is divided into tenements and has a two-story porch on the Hockanum Rd. side. This porch has turned posts with brackets, and balustrades.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
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