

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no. 32C-311
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

Address 25 Henry St.

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Original residence

Present residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner \_\_\_\_\_

OPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

Location in relation to \_\_\_\_\_  
cross streets and other buildings  
or geographical features.

Date c. 1830

Indicate north.

Source Maps and visual evidence

Style Greek Revival

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Moved --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

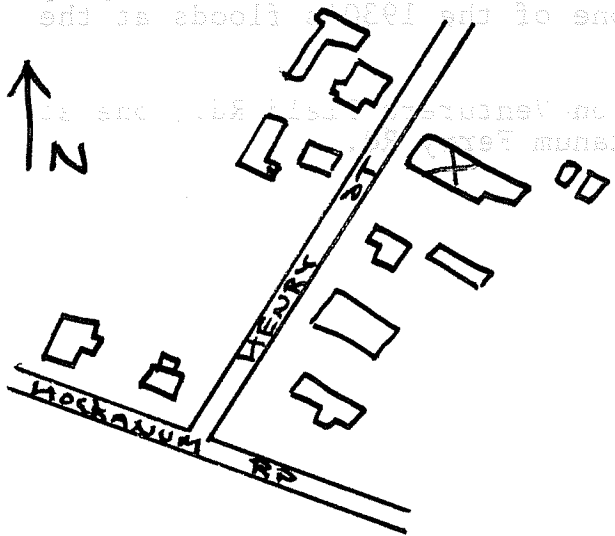
Approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Setting \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization NHC

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

This house is 2½ stories in height with pedimented end to the street and a one-story porch. covering the three-bay facade.

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

Henry St. was originally known as Venturers Field Rd., and led from Hockanum Ferry Rd. to Goodman's Ferry, which crossed the Connecticut River to Hadley Center. This road first appears on the 1831 map, but certainly pre-dates that time as Goodman's Ferry was first begun in the mid 17th century.

The meadows are Northampton's chief scenic characteristic, and were not built upon because of flooding, except for a small area near Williams St., which included Valley, Montview and Henry Sts. This area was predominantly developed around the turn of the 20th century and was periodically flooded until the construction of the dike as a WPA project. This house has a high water mark from one of the 1930's floods at the mid-window level on the first story.

The 1831 map shows two houses on Venturers Field Rd., one at this site and one at the corner of Hockanum Ferry Rd.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1831 Town Map.
- 1854 and 1860 County Maps.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1875-76.