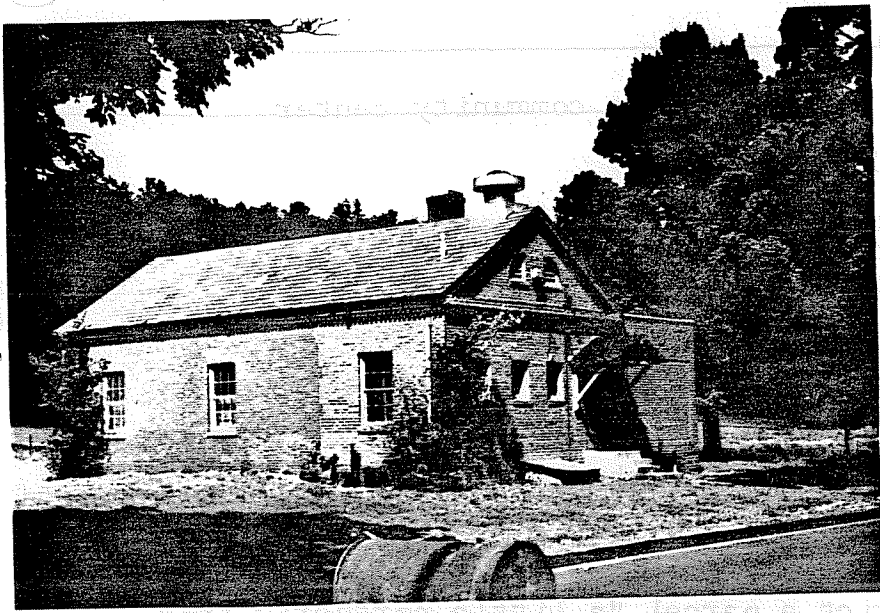


FORM B - BUILDING

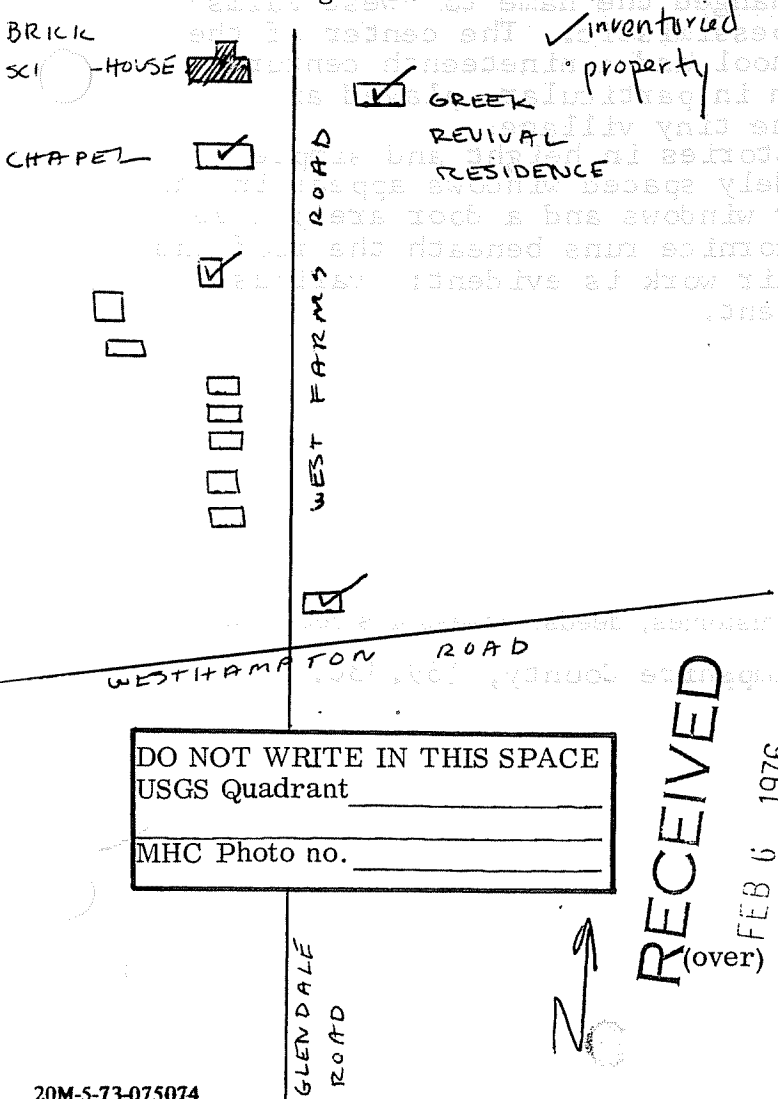
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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1 West Farms (Northampton)
 2 West Farms Road
 3 West Farms Schoolhouse
 4 Community Center
 5 West Farms Chapel Association
 6 1860+
 7 Registry of Deeds, 1856
 8 169.330
 9 early Victorian schoolhouse

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



10 unknown
 11 Brick
 12 none
 13 2 stories; brickwork
 14 cornice; addition to side; some
 15 later windows
 16 yes Date _____
 17 no Date _____

18 Lot size:
 19 One acre or less Over one acre x
 20 Approximate frontage 500 feet
 21 Approximate distance of building from street
 22 20 feet

23 Recorded by C. Dubie
 24 Organization Northampton Historical Commission
 25 Date September 1, 1975

7. Original owner (if known) West Farms School District

Original use Schoolhouse

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Schoolhouse; community center

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> | Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> | Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Architectural | <input type="checkbox"/> | Exploration/
settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science/
invention | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/
humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Community development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

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

The oldest portion of this brick schoolhouse dates from shortly after December 1856, when Calvin Stockwell conveyed to the West Farms School District a parcel "a little northerly from the meetinghouse." The tract of land measured 11 rods by 6 rods and was purchased for \$37.50.

West Farms is a hamlet located west of the city. First called Lonetown, Northampton residents changed the name to "West Farms" as the original name was thought pessimistic. The center of the settlement now consists of the school and a nineteenth century meetinghouse. Religion, Methodism in particular, played an important role in the growth of the tiny village.

The brick schoolhouse is 1½ stories in height and simple in plan and appearance. Three widely spaced windows appear in the side facade; a trio of small later windows and a door are placed in the gable end. A dentillated cornice runs beneath the roof and encloses the gable end. Much repair work is evident: various tones of brick and mortar are present.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 169.330.