

FORM B - BUILDING

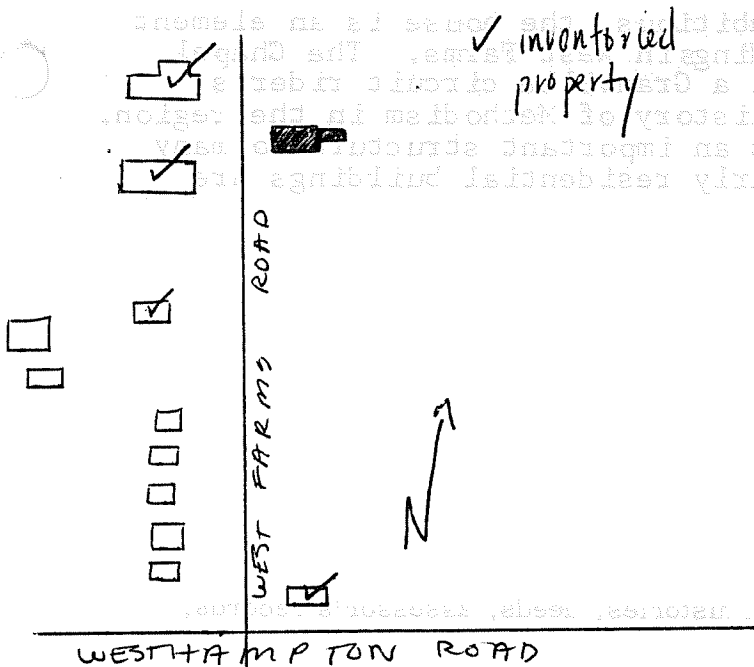
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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1 West Farms (Northampton)
 Address 178 West Farms Road
 Present use Residence
 Present owner Thomas Buczala
 Description: c. 1830-40
visual evidence,
general style period
Greek Revival

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



Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric wood & shingles
 Outbuildings (describe) barns (2)
 Other features 2 stories; pilasters at corners; simple entranceway; addition to east of house
 Altered yes-shingled Date _____
with asphalt shingles
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre x
 Approximate frontage 600 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
20 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
 USGS Quadrant _____
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6. Recorded by C. Dubie
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7. Original owner (if known) not known

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This modest Greek Revival style residence was built in the hamlet of West Farms around 1840 and stands opposite the West Farms Chapel and the later West Farms Schoolhouse. While the gable end of the structure faces the roadway the entrance is located, as in earlier styles, in the facade parallel to the ridge of the roof. Simplified Greek Revival detail in the form of corner pilasters and wide cornice were here added to an earlier style residence.

While not architecturally ambitious, the house is an element in a cluster of significant buildings in West Farms. The Chapel (1832, 1868) stands on the site of a Granville circuit rider's chapel and figures in the early history of Methodism in the region. The brick schoolhouse, c.1860, is an important structure to many West Farms residents. Several early residential buildings are also nearby.

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