

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	38A-39

979

Northampton

Address 42 Chapel St.

Building Hospital Hill School

Present use variety store

Present owner

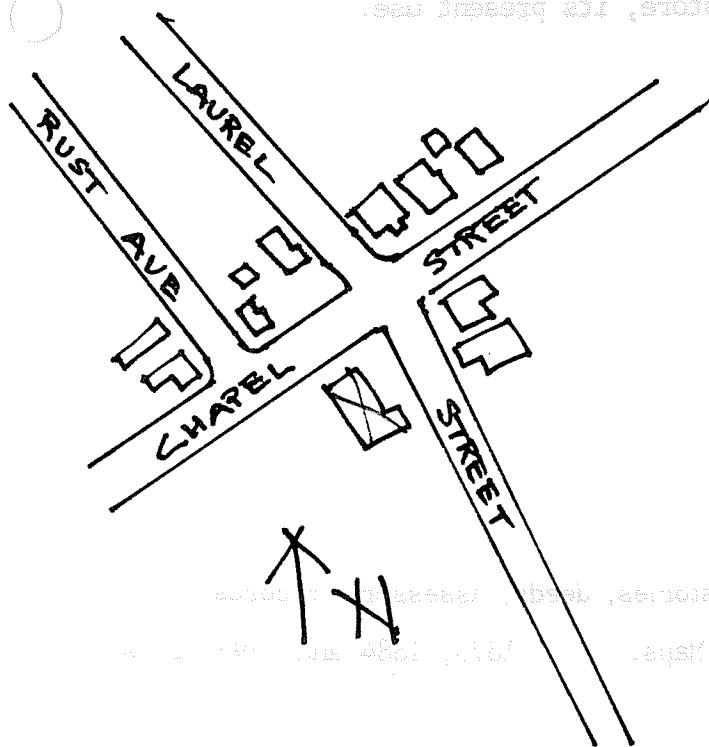
Description:

c. 1860

Source Maps



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



Architect

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered remodeled facade Date post 1930

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

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Town of Northampton

Original use school

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates variety store (post 1930)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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)

This small brick building was originally built as a schoolhouse for the inhabitants of "Hospital Hill". This area, named after the nearby Northampton State Hospital, was centered around the 18th century "highway" to Westhampton. After the hospital was established in the early 1850's the area grew substantially and a school was needed.

This served as the school for at least until 1930, and sometime afterwards was transformed into a variety store, its present use.

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

1831 Town Map.                      1854 and 1860 County Maps.                      1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.  
Northampton Directory: 1930.  
Daily Hampshire Gazette Sept. 20, 1946.