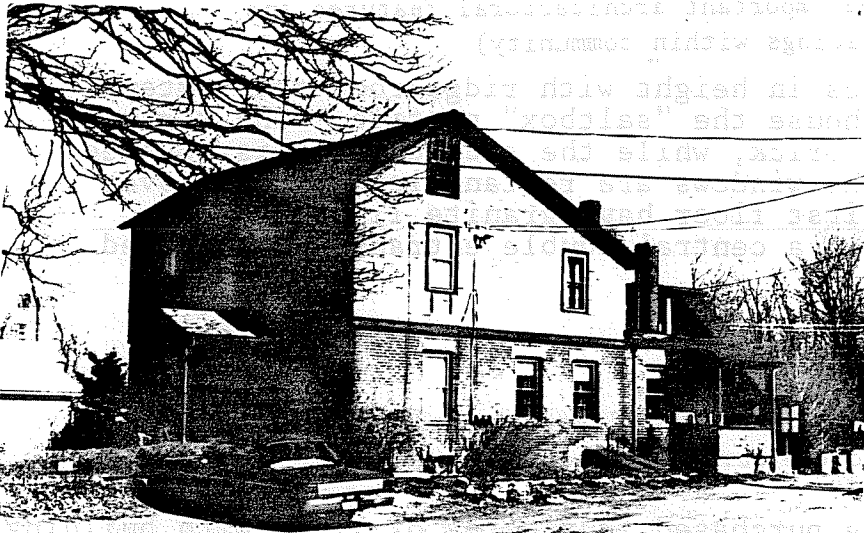


FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

144 West St.

Historic Name

Original residence

Present residence

Occupied by Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner

Condition:

Location cross streets and other buildings Date early 19th century

or geographical features. Source visual evidence

Indicate north. Style "Colonial" Saltbox

Architect

Exterior wall fabric brick and asphalt

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

asphalt siding- mid 20th c.

Moved --- Date

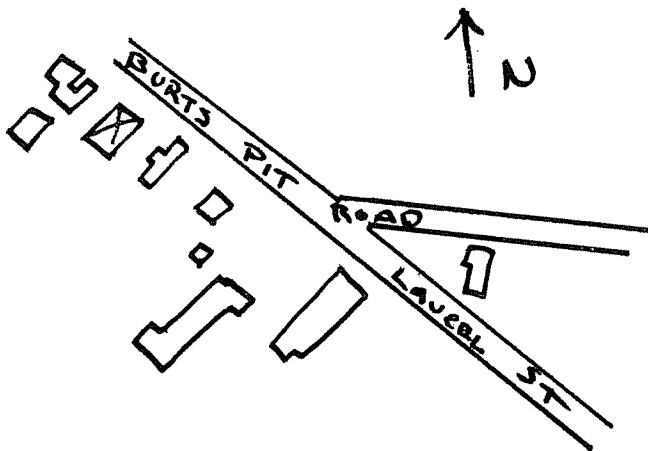
Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting

Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date June 1980



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

The house is 2½ stories in height with ridge roof that extends down in the rear to give the house the "saltbox" profile. The first story of the house is built of brick, while the second story is covered with asphalt siding. All of the windows are rectangular with six over six sashes, and those on the first floor have granite lintels. The symmetrical three-bay facade has a central double entrance with gabled portico.

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

In 1839 George Kellogg purchased four acres of land "with buildings" on West St., bound on the east by the Mill River, for \$300 from Samuel Parsons. Within the deed this land is described as the "same place on which George now lives". Samuel Parsons was a wealthy landowner who also lived on West St., but on the eastern side of the Mill River. His family had owned land in this area since the early 18th century.

Stylistically, this house would seem to date from the mid 18th century, but according to historical accounts there were no houses on West St. west of the Mill River in the 18th century. The type of brick, and use of granite for lintels would seem to point to an early 19th century date.

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