

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-59



1 Northampton

Address 283 South Street

2 South Street Saltbox

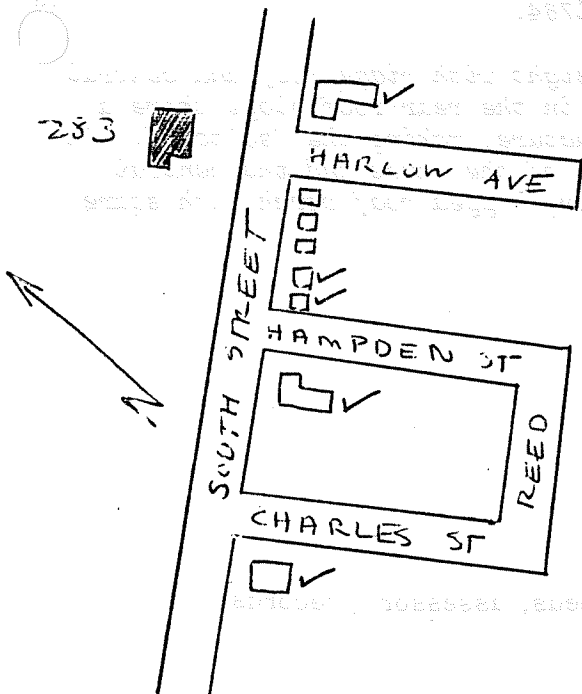
3 Present use Residence

4 Present owner Alexander Cocco

5 Description: c. 1750  
general style;  
visual evidence

6 Source Colonial saltbox

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



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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 1 1/2 stories; central chimney; lean-to addition in rear, addition, west facade.

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no? Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 75 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 40 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date APR 1976

(over)

MAY 5 1976

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7. Original owner (if known) Nathaniel Clark

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

*The first Nathaniel Clark settled on South St. in 1705, the year of his marriage to Hannah Sheldon. He was the brother of Deacon John Clark who had settled on the street the year before. There were five generations of the Clark family, all with the first name of Nathaniel, who lived on this homestead. The house finally passed from the Nathaniel Clark line in the late 19th century.*

*The first Nathaniel Clark lived on the homestead until his death in 1767. His son, Lieutenant Nathaniel, lived there from his birth in 1706 until his death in 1773. He was a selectman of the town in 1751 and from 1761 to 1764.*

*The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with ridge roof and central chimney. The dwelling exhibits the characteristic break in the rear roof slope where a lean-to has been added to the original one-room deep structure, making the "saltbox". On the five-bay facade the upper story windows meet the line of the eaves and the central entrance is flanked by pilasters and covered by a one-story hipped roof porch with square posts and diagonally-braced balustrade.*

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

- 1854 and 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884, 1895 Atlases.
- Antiquities, Historical and Graduates of Northampton, 1882, pp. 111-112.