

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

**Town:** Northampton

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*) Leeds

## Photograph



**Address:** 19 Audubon Road

**Historic Name:** Luke Day House

**Uses:** Present: two-family residence  
Original: single-family residence

**Date of Construction:** 1794

**Source:** Antiquities, Historical and Graduates, 1882.

**Style/Form:** no style

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: vinyl

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

New England style horse barn

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

House converted to workers' tenement, ca. 1880. Sided and windows replaced, ca. 2000

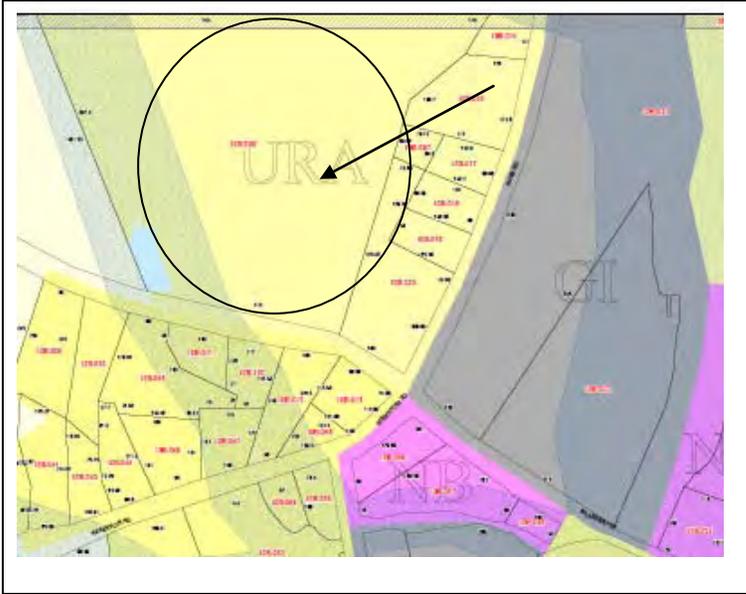
**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no | x | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 9.8 acres (Northampton Assessors)

**Setting:** This house faces south and is set back from the road on a large lot that is wooded on two sides.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Bonnie Parsons

**Organization:** PVPC

**Date** (*month/year*): March, 2010

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

[NORTHAMPTON]

[19 Audubon Road]

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This house has been altered to the extent that its late 18<sup>th</sup> century origins are not readily identifiable from the exterior. It is a two-and-a-half story, vinyl-sided house under a front-gabled roof. There is a two-story porch across the south façade with turned posts and brackets at the eaves. At the second floor the porch has a square baluster railing. The Queen Anne style porch probably dates from conversion of the house to a tenement in the 1880s though its elements may have changed over time. The main block of the house is three bays wide and an equivalent of four bays deep and there are two one-story, clapboard-sided ells on the north and a side porch on the east. The principal entry to the house on the south façade has rather broad pilasters supporting an entablature that is not visible behind the porch. A second entry at the second floor has no surround. A third entry is located on the west elevation at the first floor level under a shed roof on turned posts. Vinyl covers any surround. Replacement vinyl windows are 12/12.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

According to a 1980 Form B for this property, "During the last decade of the 18<sup>th</sup> century three families established themselves along the road to Williamsburg west of the Mill River. These were James Smith (1790), Calvin Clark (1792) and Luke Day (1794). The settlement was called Rail Hill, and in later years, after the harnessing of the Mill River near the junction of Roberts Meadow Brook, and the growth of an industrial village there, became part of Leeds. Thus, this is the third homestead to be established in this area. The homestead continued in the Day family with Jonathan Day, who lived there all his life. After his death, ca. 1880, the house passed to the hands of the Nonotuck Silk Company, which probably used it for tenements."

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