

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CHI.198
Historic Name:	White, Olive House
Common Name:	
Address:	116 Exchange St
City/Town:	Chicopee
Village/Neighborhood:	Chicopee Center
Local No:	52
Year Constructed:	1844
Architect(s):	McClallan, Charles W.
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CHI.Z: Dwight Manufacturing Company Housing District
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (06/03/1977)
Building Materials(s):	Wall: Brick; Stone, Cut



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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NR #198

In Area no. <u>312</u>	Form no. <u>198</u>
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CHI.198



1. Town Chicopee

Address 108-116 Exchange Street #52

(116 is the particular house)

Name in question

Present use residential-apartments

Present owner Pauline S. Fedak

Description:

Date 1844

Hampden County Registry
Source B.123 p. 496

Style greek revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features adjoining buildings
on the property were built later
and remain separate structures

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 40 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

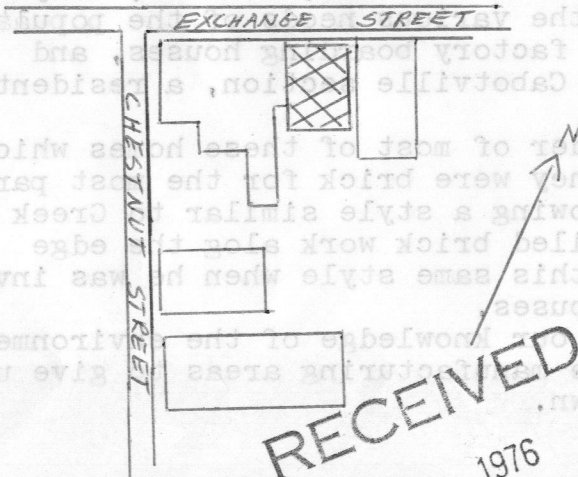
15 feet

6. Recorded by Susan L. Bousquet

Organization Chicopee Historical Commi-
ssion

Date December 29, 1975

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



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USGS Quadrant _____

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7. Original owner (if known) Olive White

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates apartments residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

As soon as the Springfield Canal Company began construction of dams, canals, factories, and mill houses in Cabotville or Chicopee Center there was an influx of people emigrating to this city. Naturally, there was a large number of people who were enlisted to work as factory operatives and who lived in the mill-owned boarding houses. But, this new lifestyle in Chicopee also attracted: skilled construction workers who were needed to help build the factory buildings and the growing town, machine mechanics needed to manufacture and repair the ever increasing amount of machinery in the mills, several members of the upper echelons of the manufacturing companies whose job it was to oversee the running of these factories. and finally, members of various professions--bankers, doctors, lawyers, etc, who were all needed to attend to the various needs of the population. All these people could not live in the factory boarding houses, and since there were very few homes in the Cabotville section, a residential area around the mills began.

Charles McClallan was the builder of most of these homes which were all very similar in appearance; they were brick for the most part and were usually two stories high following a style similar to Greek Revival. Of special note was the detailed brick work along the edge of the roof peak. McClallan had used this same style when he was involved in the building of the mill boarding houses.

These buildings clearly add to our knowledge of the environment of early Chicopee, and combine with the manufacturing areas to give us a well-rounded picture of the budding town.

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

- Map of Chicopee-1855- Hampden County Registry of Deeds
- Numerous deeds at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds
- Economic History of a Factory Town-Vera Schlakman
- Book 123 Hampden County Registry of Deeds