

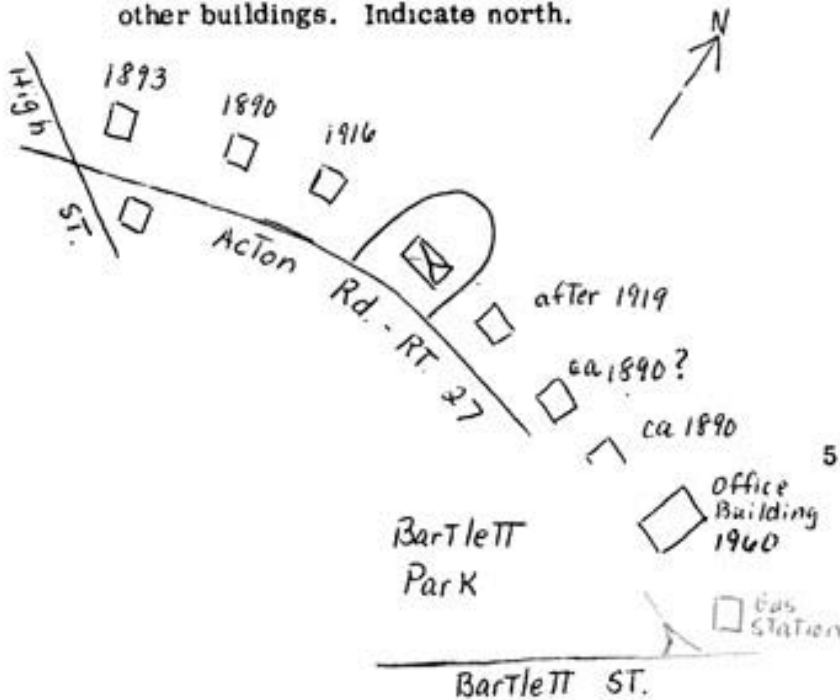
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Chelmsford

Address 35 Acton Road

Name _____

Present use residence - 1 family

Present owner George R. French

3. Description:

Date 1866

Source real est. val./tax records

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric asbestos siding

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features _____

Altered rear deck added see Date attached

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 30,400 sq. ft
One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 199 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
14 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission

Date January 8, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) 1886

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | | Conservation | |
| Agricultural | | Education | |
| Architectural | | Exploration/
settlement | |
| The Arts | | Industry | <u> x </u> |
| Commerce | | Military | <u> </u> |
| Communication | | Political | <u> </u> |
| Community development | <u> x </u> | | |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above) 1

This house was probably built, or perhaps moved here, by John Farwell, a stone cutter, who purchased the land on March 28, 1867. In May of the same year he was taxed \$450 for the dwelling.

Following his death in 1886 at age 75 years, the house was sold by public auction to Frank G. Pratt, then foreman of a Lowell loom harness manufactory. In 1889 Mr. Pratt built a paint shop east of the house on the site of 29 Acton Rd., and with his 3 sons, resumed his previous occupation as house and carriage painter. As a result of several years experimenting, he produced an elastic oil finish, which became popular in Conn. as well as in the local area. During the closing 5 years of the 19th Century, his work in paint took him to Conn., and the property was rented to various tenants, including N.J. Loupret, a local photographer.

In 1916 his son John sold the house (but not the paint shop) and built the dwelling next door at 39 Acton Rd. Some of the later residents included a mechanic, a pattern maker, a foreman, and a finisher, all employed in Lowell.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

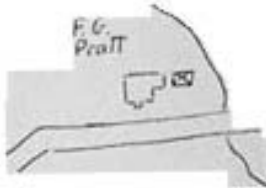
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Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 266
Property Name: 35 Acton Rd.	

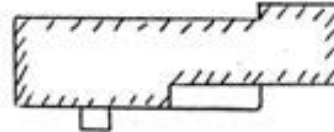
Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below

#3 Alterations

1889 Atlas



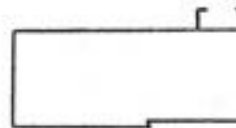
1912 Plan (Bk. M, Plan 77)



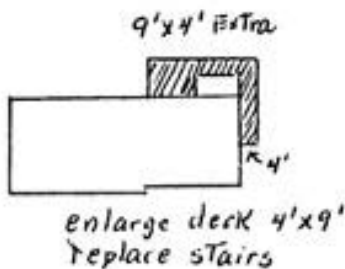
1971 Revaluation Card

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1978 Mortgage Plan



1979 (fall) Plan
building permit



Staple to Inventory form at bottom

35 Acton Road
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Bk. 2314, pg. 297	7/10/1978	Paul E. & Marion J. Pedersen to George R. French \$30,000 land & buildings thereon
Bk. 1537, pg. 548	11/20/1961	Guaranty Mortgage Corp., Westford, to Paul E. & Marion J. Pedersen land & buildings thereon
Bk. 1504, pg. 79	1/5/1961 Foreclosure deed	Guaranty Mortgage Corp., Westford
Bk. 1449, pg. 172	8/20/1959	Frank P. Curtain, Lowell, to Guaranty Mortgage Corp., Westford \$7,000 land & buildings thereon
Bk. 1449, pg. 170	8/19/1959	Andrew H. & Grace V. Noyes to Frank P. Curtain, Lowell land & buildings thereon
Bk. 1261, pg. 555	7/12/1954	Estate of Katherine M. Lincoln to Andrew H. & Grace V. Noyes \$3700 land & buildings thereon
Bk. 821, pg. 48	11/18/1932	Frank D. Lewis, Groton, to Katherine M. Lincoln, Groton land & buildings thereon
Bk. 812, pg. 580	4/18/1932	Joseph H.L. Marsh, Laconia, N.H., to Frank D. Lewis, Groton land & buildings thereon
Bk. 809, pg. 582	11/23/1931	Frank D. Lewis, Groton, to Joseph H.L. Marsh, Gilmanton Iron Works, N.H. land & buildings thereon
Bk. 809, pg. 15	11/ 9/1931	Joseph O. Giguere, Lowell, to Frank D. Lewis, Groton land & buildings thereon
Bk. 661, pg. 569	6/ 5/1922	Estate of Mary A. Trites to Joseph O. Giguere, Pepperell \$1900 land & buildings thereon
Bk. 551, pg. 453	3/15/1916	Nora L. Pratt to Mary A. Trites, Lowell land & buildings thereon

Bk. 440, pg. 378	10/ 9/1909	Frank G. Pratt to Nora L. Pratt, wife of John H. Pratt 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
Bk. 214, pg. 583	6/ 6/1890	Charles O. Streeter, Lowell, to Frank G. Pratt 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres & buildings thereon
Bk. 214, pg. 582	6/ 6/1890	Julia M. Pratt, wife of Frank G. Pratt, to Charles O. Streeter, Lowell 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres & buildings thereon
Bk. 192, pg. 356	11/9 /1887 public auction	Charles T. Fish, Lowell, to Julia M. Pratt \$950 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres & improvements thereon
Bk. 181, pg. 1	4/29/1886 mortgage	Estate of John Farwell to Charles T. Fish, Lowell \$600 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
Bk. 55, pg. 293	3/28/1867	John C. & Maria J. Bartlett; Catherine M. Adams, widow, to John Farwell 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres land

Lowell Weekly Journal

Nov. 4, 1887 - The Farwell estate, which was supposed to be sold about a month ago, was again put up at auction Monday afternoon on account of an ~~unfortu~~ informality in the first sale. The property was knocked off to Frank G. Pratt of Lowell for \$950.

May 4, 1888 - Frank G. Pratt has removed from Lowell and occupies the "Farwell" house, which he purchased last season.

May 31, 1889 - F.G. Pratt is about to build a paint shop on the easterly part of his premises on Acton street.

April 26, 1889 - Mr. Frank G. Pratt has resigned his position as foreman of the loom harness manufactory of Geo. W. Harris, Lowell, and will resume his occupation of house and carriage painter in this village. Mr. Pratt leaves Lowell on account of his health, which was giving way under an indoor occupation and the close application which he has given his work during the past four years.

Apr. 18, 1892 - About the first of April F.G. Pratt, painter, will remove with his family to Waterbury, Conn., where he already has a number of contracts in his line. His elastic oil finish, a preparation which is the result of years of study and experimenting, is quite popular when it has been tested in Conn., and the demand for its application is steadily increasing.

April 15, 1892 - Mr. F.G. Pratt, who had contemplated moving to Connecticut, has changed his plans and will remain in this town. He has completed the work which temporarily took him to that state, and could have more than his health would permit him to undertake. He is now ready for local work in his line.

June 7, 1895 - Young Arthur Middleton of Boston, who is visiting his uncle Frank G. Pratt, met with a severe accident Thursday. In alighting from a wagon he made a misstep and fell with his whole weight upon his left arm, breaking it in two places. He was attended by Dr. Howard.

Wednesday, December 4, 1895 - F.G. Pratt and family removed Saturday to Waterbury, Conn. and their house will be occupied by N.J. Loupret, the photographer.

Dec. 6, 1895 - F.G. Pratt and family removed Saturday to Waterbury, Connecticut. Their house will be occupied by N.J. Loupret the photographer.

Feb. 26, 1897 - Frank G. Pratt, who removed to Waterbury, Conn. over a year ago, expects to return about the first of April. Mr. Pratt has been in town this week.

Aug. 13, 1897 - John M. Pratt, formerly of this town but now of Waterbury, Conn., is visiting friends in the village.

April 15, 1898 - The engagement is announced of Mr. John H. Pratt of Waterbury, Connecticut, formerly of Chelmsford, Mass., to Miss Mae F. Cheney of Hemmingford, Quebec.

Lowell Courier-Citizen

Thursday, Sept. 27, 1900 - F.G. Pratt have returned from a residence of several years in Bridgeport, Conn., and are at their old home in Acton street. Their oldest son John, however, will remain at Bridgeport for the present.

Lowell Courier-Citizen:

July 23, 1913

F.G. Pratt is more than a town painter. He does a large amount of work in Lowell, and has a unique working force, in that three of his sons are associated with him. He has been in business for 37 years.

March 17, 1916 - Having disposed of his home property in Acton street to Andrew Trite of Lowell, John H. Pratt has rented the I.H. Knight tenement in Postoffice Square. Mr. Pratt plans to erect a new residence on the lot between his former home and that of Mrs. W.H. Jefts.

May 5, 1916 - A cellar for a house to be erected for J.H. Pratt is being dug in Acton street, on a lot a short distance south of his former residence.

Lowell Weekly Journal:

Mar. 11, 1898- The first of next month W.S. Simons will move to his house on the southerly side of Robin's hill and the present tenant, George B B. Wright will take up his residence in the Pratt house in Acton street.



