

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town Chelmsford
 Place (neighborhood or village) Chelmsford Center

Address 22 Bartlett Street

Historic Name Charles E. Bartlett House

Uses: Present residence

Original residence

Date of Construction 1890

Source Lowell Weekly Journal: Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Oct. 24, 1890

Style/Form

Architect/Builder Charles E. Parkhurst, builder
 Merrill & Cutler, Architects, Lowell

Exterior Material:

Foundation original: granite blocks
 see continuation sheet

Wall/Trim aluminum siding

Roof gambrel style; ridge to sides

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
 2 car garage: right of & slightly in back of house.
 small shed: right of garage

Major Alterations (with dates)
 1987 2 room additions: 18x12, 24x12
 see continuation sheet

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 3/4 acre

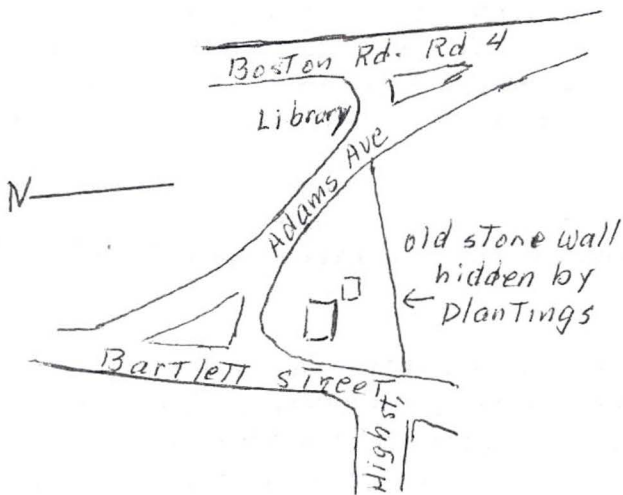
Setting The left (north) side of this stately house overlooks the intersection at Bartlett, & Adams Streets. A wooden stockade fence is along those sides. The right property line is lined with trees & plantings. A small yard with flowers & an old lamp post is in front of the house. A paved drive leads up beside the right side of the house to the front of a 2-car garage located just to the rear & right of the house. A shed is right of the garage.



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Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection



Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization for Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date (month / year) October 2006

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION see continuation sheet

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

The lovely residence at 22 Bartlett Street was erected in 1890. There are few, if any, other houses of this design in Chelmsford. A two story turret is located on the left front side. A two story front entrance porch and a side porch on each side of the house are topped with a delicate balustrade. Two or three chimneys rise from its roof, *or possibly 4.* In 1955 it was written in a local newspaper that "Towers are typical of the Richardson Romanesque period (1880 - 1910). Locally the house at 22 Bartlett St., built about 1890, is an example with its prominent window-filled tower, large piazzas, and dark interior woodwork were also much used at this time." Another example is the nearby dwelling at 55 High St., built in 1893 (inventory #150). A lamp post in front of the house is said to have come from the Lowell Water Works.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE see continuation sheet

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.

Capt. C.E.A. Bartlett had this house at 22 Bartlett St. built for his son Charles E. Bartlett, when Charles married Carrie Proctor, also from Chelmsford. Charles worked for Adams & Co. in Lowell. The cellar of the house was almost finished by Aug. 1, 1890, R.W. Dix being in charge of the work. The contractor for erecting the residence was Charles E. Parkhurst. By Aug. 8th the carpenters had begun their work. In Oct. 24, 1890 it was written that "Charles E. Bartlett's cozy house is rapidly approaching completion." The marriage of Charles and Carrie would have taken place at the Proctor residence, but on account of the critical illness of Carrie's mother, who had long been an invalid, it took place at the new home of the couple at 1:30 PM in late Dec. 1890. The attendance was limited to near relatives and a few friends. "They will at once commence housekeeping in their newly completed, convenient and tastefully furnished house."

One Sunday morning in March 1897 Charles & Carrie were at church while "their house in Bartlett street was burglariously visited and Mrs. Bartlett's gold watch, wedding ring, a pair of gold bracelets, pair of silver bracelets, stick pin and turquoise pin were carried away. The silverware was not disturbed and no other articles have been missed although the thief visited all the rooms as shown by his tracks. Entrance was effected at a cellar hole on the south side of the house by prying off the wire screen and kicking in the window. The visitor was shrewd enough to set up the screen again. He descended into a coal bin and arming himself with a big coal shovel went up the stairs to the kitchen where a small dog had probably given him notice of his presence. The cellar door had been left open for the convenience of the animal. The shovel was left in the room. The burglar made his exit by unlocking the back door. The robbery must have taken place between 10:45 and 12, as Mr. Bartlett arrived home at that hour.....About 11 a.m. a lady sitting at her chamber window in a house not far from the Bartlett residence saw a man on the road where the (coal dust) tracks were found whom she describes as being tall with a mustache, wearing a slouch hat and brown coat. The same person was seen at the rear of the Bartlett house by Mrs. Harry L. Parkhurst when on her way to church about 10:45.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

Lowell Weekly Journal: Aug. 1, 1890; Aug. 8, 1890; Oct. 24, 1890; Jan. 2, 1890; Jan. 2, 1891; Mar. 5, 1897; Sept. 27, 1900; Sept. 22, 1903
Miss Eleanor Parkhurst: Nov. 2, 1978
Illustrated History of Lowell: pg. 293
Chelmsford Assessors' Records: street directories; Town Clerk's records
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds
Lowell Courier Citizen June 3, 1936, pg. 10; Lowell Sun June 2, 1936
Mrs./Dr. Eric Kaplan: Sept. 18, 2006
Building plans: Merrill & Cutler, Architects. Lowell
Thibault match book owned by Kaplans

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Alterations

- 1940s porch on left side: removed; was in poor condition
- 1954, Oct. 29 addition to unattached garage: change from 1 car to 2 cars
12 x 20 feet
roof: pitched; asphalt shingles
foundation: 12" blocks
- 1957, Nov. 26 alterations & repairs ca \$500
builder: Roland Tremblay
- 1963, May 7 porch: enclosed & put foundation under porch (left side)
builder: Geo. E. Pirard & Sons
- before 1978 large picture window, 1st story, right side of house: replaced smaller window
- unknown aluminum siding installed
- 1987, Sept. 28 2 room additions: 18x12, 24x12 square footage 216
1 story; roof flat: rubber; 18 feet from ground
foundation: 12" thick blocks.
builder: Charles Hondas, 26R Casco St., Lowell
additions: are on both sides of house
left side: extended ca 25 feet
right side: deck enclosed & brick patio made in front of it
front porch: columns replaced; iron railing installed by Soucy iron Works in Lowell
Soucy had done some previous iron work here

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HISTORY

Following the death of Capt. C.E.A. Bartlett, Charles' father, his widow spent the fall and winter of 1900/01 in Boston, and Charles and Carrie spent the winter at the old homestead, 15 Bartlett Street. Charles' mother, Harriet, died on March 11, 1903, and that fall Charles & Carrie moved permanently into his parents' house at 15 Bartlett Street, having leased the 22 Bartlett Street house to Alfred P. Sawyer, a well known and successful lawyer of Lowell and his wife, Addie.

Alfred & Addie with their daughter, Mary W. Sawyer, lived at 22 Bartlett St. for about 40 years. In 1878 Alfred had graduated from Dartmouth College, where he "achieved a high standing as student and athlete, his use of curved ball pitching making him a pioneer in modern baseball." He then attended Boston University Law School, "after being admitted to the bar, Mr. Sawyer returned to Lowell", where he had been born and spent his first 9 years. In addition to being an attorney in Lowell and trustee of various estates, "he had an expert knowledge of water power and mill properties." In 1919 he was elected president of the Lowell Historical Society and "had a prominent part in the successive celebrations of Lowell in 1926 and 1936. After moving to 22 Bartlett St. Chelmsford, he continued as a practicing attorney in Lowell until his death at his home on May 30, 1936, aged 80 years. Addie and her daughter remained at 22 Bartlett St. a few more years.

During and immediately after World War II Edward & Barbara Lamson resided at 22 Bartlett St. After leaving the Navy Edward became an ass't treasurer. In 1946 they were followed by the Thibault family, who came here from 22 Woodbine Street. Wilfred was a service station proprietor who ran "Lowell's Oldest Filling Station" located at 980 Chelmsford St., just over the city line from Chelmsford. His wife, Gertrude, was a housewife, like the women in the house before her. Their daughter Janet worked as a commercial artist. Gertrude died from pneumonia at age 59 in Jan. 1961, and that June another daughter, Gertrude Joan, married George Paul Normandin. Wilfred and Janet Thibault lived alone in the house until 1962, when Janet married and left town. George and Gertrude Normandin came up from North Carolina that year to live with her father, Wilfred Thibault. Wilfred continued to reside at 22 Bartlett St. with the Normandins until 1969. Paul Normandin was an insurance broker. Gertrude Joan Normandin died in 1972. She is said to have suffered from lupus for but a very months before her death in 1972 from a heart attack. In 1973 Paul married second a Fall River woman, Joann Petera. In 1977 the Normandins sold the residence to the present owners.

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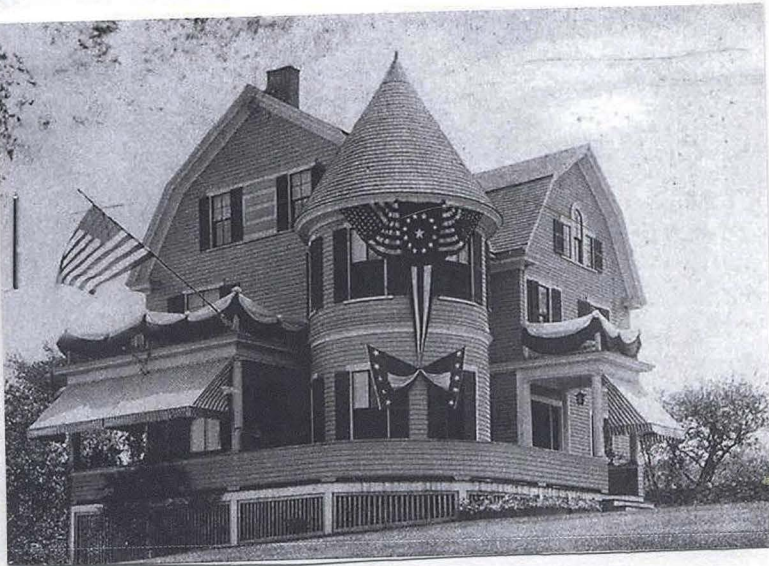
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Alterations



c. 1903



1940s

Sept. 3, 2006



↑
3 brick steps
up to brick patio

Front + right side

1954



Garage, right rear of house

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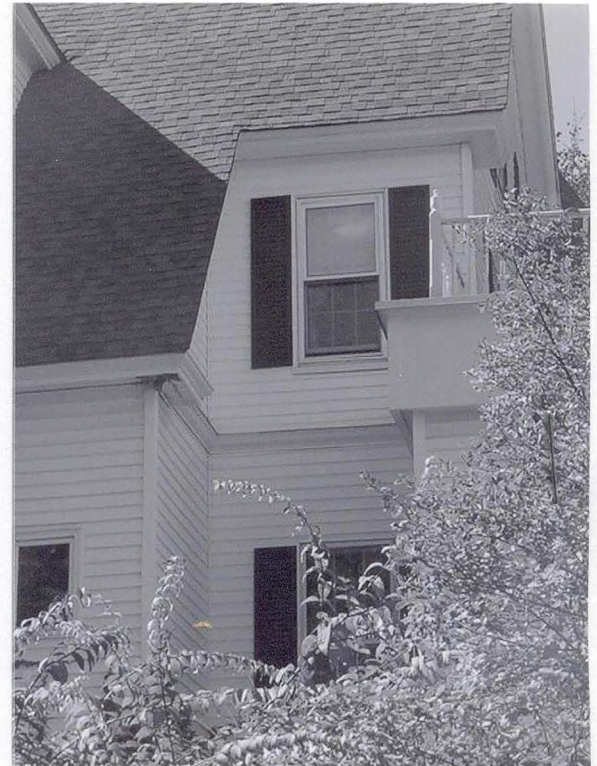
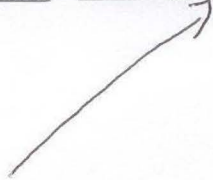
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Sept. 20, 2006

Alterations

Rear



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Sept. 3, 2006



Front, right corner
New Tops of railing
To match older
ones on rest of
house.



Garage - right & rear
of house

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Alterations

Sept. 20, 2006



Right rear corner



Left side



Back yard
Toward
Adams Ave.

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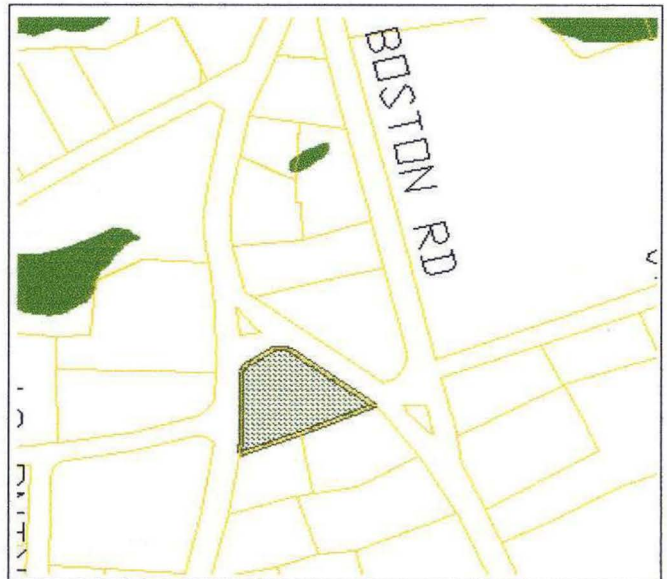
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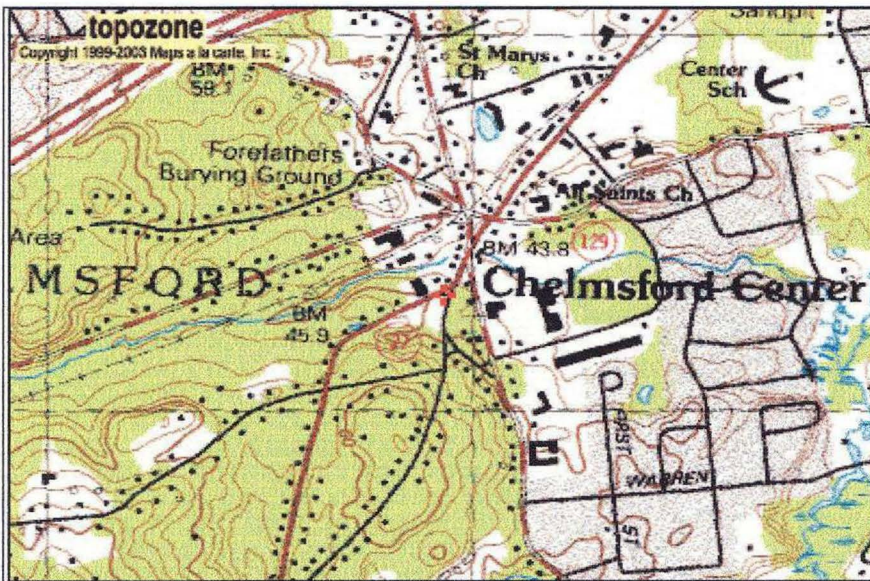
Locational Information



22 Bartlett Street viewed from locallive.com



22 Barlett St. map from town assessor's office



Topozone excerpt from Billerica USGS quadrangle.

Decimal coordinates as provided by Topozone: 42°35'41" N 71°21'11" W

Lowell Weekly Journal

Aug. 1, 1890 - Building notes.....The cellar of Charles E. Bartlett's new house near his father's residence is practically finished, the work being in charge of R.W. Dix who has a like contract from Mr. Jeft's house on Acton street. The contract to build Mr. Bartlett's house has been given to Charles E. Parkhurst, while A.W. Holt will construct Mr. Jeft's dwelling.

Aug. 8, 1890 - The carpenters have begun work on Charles E. Bartlett's new dwelling.

Oct. 24, 1890 - Charles E. Bartlett's cosy house is rapidly approaching completion.

Jan. 2, 1891 - The marriage of Mr. Charles E. Bartlett, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chas. E.A. Bartlett, and Miss Carrie L. Proctor, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry B. Proctor, all well known residents of this village, took place Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. On account of the critical illness of the bride's mother, who has long been an invalid, the marriage, which otherwise would have taken place at the Proctor residence, was solemnized at the new home of the couple by Rev. J.A. Chase, pastor of the Unitarian society. The attendance was limited to near relatives and a few friends of the contracting parties.....They will at once commence house-keeping in their newly completed, convenient and tastefully furnished house.....

Feb. 15, 1895 - Charles E. Bartlett of Adams & Co., Lowell, is at home taking his turn in entertaining that very general caller, the influenza.

Mar. 5, 1897 - Church going is a most commendable practice but Sunday in Chelmsford one young couple found that even attending the services of the sanctuary may have its disadvantages. While Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Bartlett were at the Unitarian church in the forenoon their house in Bartlett street was burglariously visited and Mrs. Bartlett's gold watch, wedding ring, a pair of gold bracelets, pair of silver bracelets, stick pin and turquoise pin were carried away. The silverware was not disturbed and no other articles have been missed although the thief visited all the rooms as shown by his tracks. Entrance was effected at a cellar window on the south side of the house by prying off the wire screen and kicking in the window. The visitor was shrewd enough to set up the screen again. He descended into a coal bin and arming himself with a big coal shovel went up the stairs to the kitchen where a small dog had probably given him notice of his presence. The cellar door had been left open for the convenience of the animal. The shovel was left in the room. The burglar made his exit by unlocking the back door. He was traced some distance on the snow by the coal dust which adhered to his shoes. The robbery must have taken place between 10:45 and 12 as Mr. Bartlett reached home at the latter hour. The police department of Lowell was at once notified by telephone. The gold watch was marked "C.L.B." and the ring "C to C" with date. About 11 a.m. a lady sitting at her chamber window in a house not far from the Bartlett premises saw a man on the road where the tracks were found whom she describes as being tall with a mustache, wearing a slouch hat and brown coat. Probably he was the house breaker. The same person was seen at the rear of the Bartlett house by Mrs. Harry L. Parkhurst when on her way to church about 10:45; also at an earlier hour in the neighborhood by Edgar F. Parkhurst, who thought the man seemed to be trying to avoid observation.

Thursday, Sept. 27, 1900 - Mrs. C.E.A. Bartlett leaves town next Monday for Boston, where she will spend the winter, with rooms at the Westminster. The house will not be closed but occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Bartlett, who remove from their present home about the first of October.

Sept. 22, 1903 - Charles E. Bartlett, who is about to move into the old Bartlett homestead, has let his premises for a year to Alfred P. Sawyer, esq. of Lowell, who will soon take possession.

Miss Eleanor Parkhurst, telephone conversation, Nov. 2, 1978:

The house on the corner of Adams & Bartlett, overlooking the library (left side of Bartlett St.) - just sold by George Normandin (Sawyer house).

Capt. C.E.A. Bartlett built it for his son Charles E. when he married Carrie Proctor (cousin of E.C. Parkhurst). Charles was brother of Clay and Henry.

When C.E.A. and/or his wife died, Charles and Carrie moved into the big house at 15 Bartlett St.

ATTORNEY HERE FOR MANY YEARS DEAD

Alfred P. Sawyer, Late of Chelmsford, Active in Bar and Historical Societies

Alfred P. Sawyer, attorney at Lowell since about 1880, and president of the Lowell Historical Society since 1919, died at Chelmsford, where he has made his home for 32 years past, Saturday morning, May 30.

He was born at Lowell, Aug. 20, 1856, the son of Wesley and Eliza (Patten) Sawyer, in a brick house, 111 Chestnut street, built by his father about 20 years previous. Wesley Sawyer was an inventor and manufacturer, whose device for woven wire initiated the business of wire fencing in this country. He removed from Lowell in 1865 to Franklin, N.H., where he was engaged in manufacturing. The son Alfred Sawyer went from Franklin to Dartmouth college, at which he achieved a high standing as student and athlete, his use of curve ball pitching making him a pioneer of modern baseball. He was graduated from Dartmouth in 1878 and then attended the Boston University law school.

After being admitted to the bar Mr. Sawyer returned to Lowell, where the rest of his life was spent. He was attorney and trustee of various estates and he had an expert knowledge of water powers and mill properties. His studies of early manufacturing operations in the lower Merrimack valley were presented in several papers before the Lowell Historical Society, of which he was elected president Feb. 12, 1919, after the death of Solon W. Stevens, president. He attended meetings of the American Bar Association in this country and at London. He had a prominent part in the successive celebrations of the centennials of the town of Lowell, 1926, and the city of Lowell, 1936.

He was a member of High Street Congregational church prior to his moving to Chelmsford, where he has attended the Chelmsford Congregational church for nearly 30 years past.

In recognition of Mr. Sawyer's approaching 80th birthday anniversary, the Lowell Historical Society on May 13 held its spring meeting at the house in which he was born, and which is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Goodwin, and instead of formal exercises the presiden gave an informal sketch of the lives of his parents and of his recollections of the house and the neighborhood in which he spent his first nine years.

Mr. Sawyer is survived by his wife, Addie L. (Gibson) Sawyer, and by a daughter, Miss Mary W. Sawyer, of Brookline.

FUNERALS ALFRED P. SAWYER

Funeral services for Alfred P. Sawyer, long a prominent member of the bar in this city and president of the Lowell Historical association from 1919 until the time of his death last Saturday morning, were held at 2.30 o'clock yesterday at his home in Bartlett street, Chelmsford. The funeral arrangements were in the charge of Charles E. Bartlett.

Rev. John G. Lovell, pastor emeritus of the Chelmsford Centre Congregational church was the officiating clergyman. He was assisted by Rev. C. W. Huntington, D. D., who for many years was pastor of the old High Street Congregational church. The bearers were Haven G. Hill, Philip S. Marden, Frederick W. Coburn, Warren W. Fox, Alfred Sawyer and Cyrus White.

The Lowell Bar Association, of which Mr. Sawyer had been a member, was represented by Harry A. Brown, Arthur C. Spalding, Henry V. Charbonneau, Thomas M. A. Higgins, Francis M. Qua, James F. Corbett, Hon. Arthur L. Eno, Hon Frederic A. Fisher, Hon. James E. O'Donnell, Albert O. Hamel, William A. Hogan, James J. Kerwin, Warren W. Fox, John P. Farley, Hon. Dennis J. Murphy, Daniel J. Donahue and President Richard Brabrook Walsh. The Lowell Historical Society was also represented by William B. Goodwin and Frederick W. Coburn.

Burial took place in the Lowell cemetery, where the services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Lovell, assisted by Dr. Huntington.

Funeral Director William H. Saunders was in charge.

Lowell Sun, 2 June 1936

Funeral Services for A. P. Sawyer

(Special to The Sun)

CHELMSFORD, June 2 – Funeral services for Alfred P. Sawyer, president of the Lowell Historical society and a practicing attorney in Lowell for half a century, took place this afternoon from his home on Bartlett street and were attended by many relatives, business and fraternal associates and friends.

The services were conducted by Rev. John G. Lovell, pastor emeritus of the Chelmsford Center Congregational church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Huntington, formerly of Lowell.

A large delegation headed by William B. Goodwin and Frederick Coburn represented the Lowell Historical society, while the Lowell Bar association was represented by Harry A. Brown, Arthur C. Spalding, Henry V. Charbonneau, Thomas M. A. Higgins, Francis M. Qua, James F. Corbett, Hon. Arthur L. Eno, Hon. Frederic A. Fisher, Hon. James E. O'Donnell, Albert O. Hamel, William A. Hogan, James J. Kerwin, Warren W. Fox, James P. Farley, Hon. Dennis J. Murphy, Daniel J. Donahue and Richard B. Walsh.

The bearers were Hon. Haven G. Hill, Warren Fox, Philip S. Marden, Alfred Sawyer, Cyrus White and Frederick Coburn. Burial took place in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery where committal prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Lovell. Arrangements were in charge of Funeral Director William H. Saunders.



SIDE ELEVATION North
SCALE $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'$

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HOUSE FOR MR. C. E. A. BARTLET
CHELMSFORD MASS.



REAR ELEVATION

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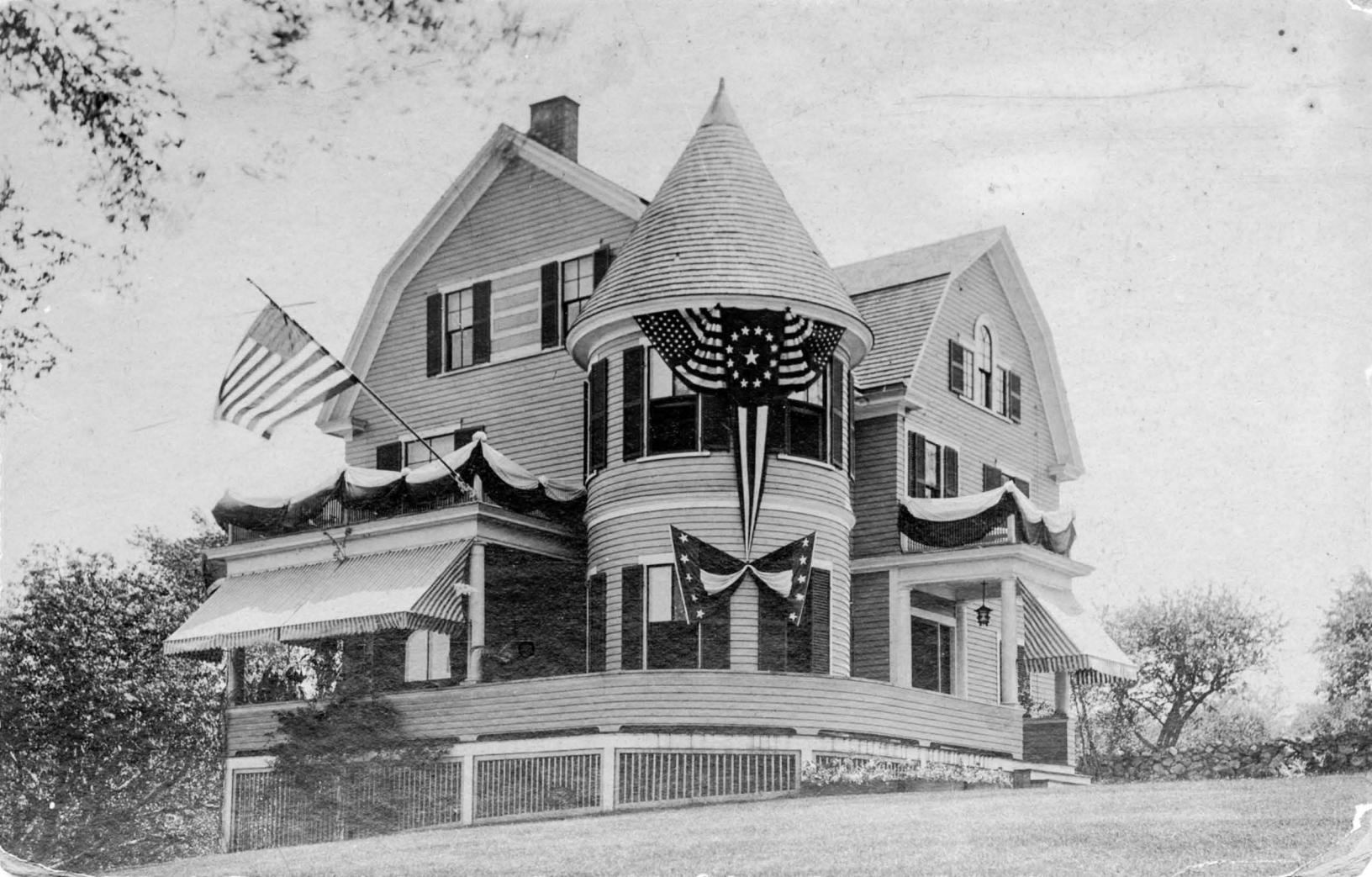
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