

FORM B - BUILDING

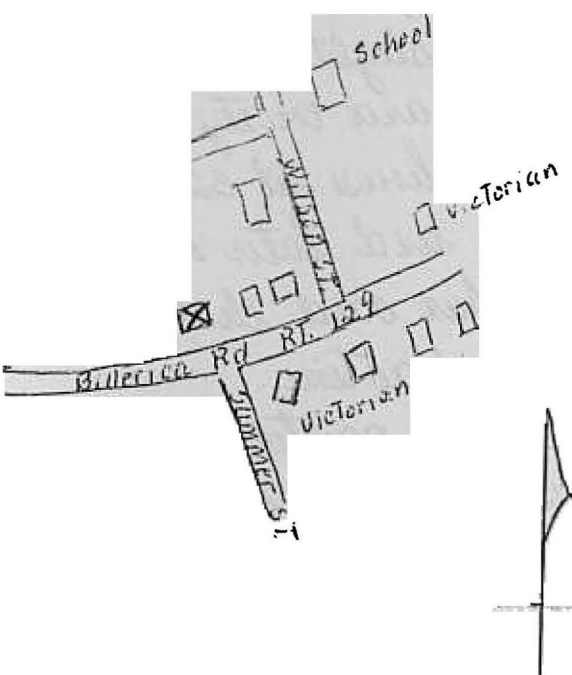
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



Town Chelmsford
 Address 32 Billerica Rd.
 Name Horace Holt House
 Present use 2 family residence
 Present owner Edwin L. Thompson
 Description:
 Date before 1810
 Source deeds
 File _____

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



Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features _____

Altered exterior ^{at garage} Date 1912
 Moved new sun porch Date 1917 or 18

5. Lot size: 17,540.09 ft
 One acre or less Over one acre
 Approximate frontage 131.8 ft.
 Approximate distance of building from street 10-15 ft.

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

6. Recorded by B. Drury
 Organization 11.4
 Date Apr 28, 1983

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The earliest mention of this house so far uncovered, is in a mortgage deed of 1810, in which the property is the "farm in possession of Joseph Bailey. However, the owner was Ebenezer Budge, Jr., who in 1775 had been wounded at Bunker's Hill, where he received two slight wounds. He later became county Register of Deeds, state senator, and county Treasurer. Although the owner, he did not reside in this house at 32 Billerica Rd. Joseph Bailey, who occupied it in 1810 and later owned it, was a "victualer" and a "saddler." It has been said that the building was a tavern run by a Mr. Parker at one time.

In 1860 Horace Holt, a farmer and painter, purchased the property and lived there until his death from apoplexy in 1898. His daughter, Emma C. Holt, remained there until 1911, when she had a new house built nearby and sold the old homestead.

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

Middlesex North Reg. Deeds: Bk. 8, pg. 243 (1810) mortgage; Plan Bk. 28, plan 74, Pl. Bk H, pl. 97

Chelmsford aerial map: photo date Apr. 14, 1976

Lowell Courier-Citizen: Aug. 1, 1911; Oct. 13, 1911; Jan. 22, 1912

Lowell Weekly Journal: June 3, 1898

Leonard S. Mac Elroy, 31 Summer St.

Notebook of Miss Frances Andrews

History of Chelmsford (1917) by Wilson Waters

32 Billerica Road

North: Bk. 1768, pg. 321	9/15/1966	Douglass A. & Frances M. Mace to Edwin L. & Meredith J. Thompson of Abington & Albert R. & Grace E. Reed of Barrington, R.I. 17,540 sq. ft. & buildings thereon
North: Bk. 1624, pg. 48	10/28/1963	Alan & Jane W. Willoughby to Douglass A. & Frances M. Mace 17,540 sq. ft. & buildings thereon north side of road
North: Bk. 1464, pg. 384	1/ 8/1960	Leonard S. & Jennie E. MacElroy, Tewkesbury, and Frederic A. & Maybelle F. MacElroy, Lexington to Alan & Jane W. Willoughby, Gardner, Maine 17,540 sq. ft. & buildings thereon north side of road
North: Bk. 570, pg. 584	4/8/1917	George E. Bryant, Lowell, to Adam F. MacElroy, Lowell 0.51 acres - north side of road 9.89 acres - south side of road buildings thereon
North: Bk. 561, pg. 108	8/30/1916	Estate of Albert E. Jenne to George E. Bryant, Lowell 0.51 acres - north side of road 9.89 acres - south side of road buildings thereon
North: Bk. 540, pg. 373	7/10/1915	Herbert Mosely to Albert E. Jenne 0.51 acres with buildings, north side of road 9.89 acres - south side of road
North: Bk. 476, pg. 220	9/30/1911	Emma E. Holt to Herbert Mosely, Wakefield 0.51 acres with buildings - north side of road 9.89 acres - south side of road
North: Bk.	5/10/1907	Will of Nancy E. Holt to Emma E. Holt, daughter
	5/25/1898	Will of Horace Holt to Nancy E. Holt, wife
North: Bk. 24, pg. 181	6/ 2/1860	Isaac Reed, Acron, to Horace Holt, Deering, N.H. \$2200 12 acres with buildings - both sides of road.

North: Bk. 23, pg. 262	4/2/1860	Walter & Mary Sherwell to Isaac Reed, Acron \$2000 12 acres with buildings, both sides of road
North: Bk. 18, pg. 276	3/9/1859	Luther & Caroline Sawyer to Mary F. Sherwell (wife of Walter, Butcher) \$2000 12 acres with buildings - both sides of road
North: Bk. 2, pg. 112	7/21/1855	John A. & Sarah Hallett to Luther Sawyer \$2050 12 acres with builings - both sides of road
North: Bk. 15, pg. 590 South: Bk.488, pg. 181	7/ 1/1846	Daniel Brooks, Lowell, to John Hallett, yeoman \$1000 12 acres, both sides of road
North: Bk. 16, pg. 30 South: Bk.453, pg. 550	3/29/1845	Samuel Butterfield to Daniel Brooks, Lowell \$250 12 acres
North: Bk. 16, pg. 28 South: Bk.453, pg. 549	3/29/1845	Hildreth P. Dutton, butcher, to Daniel Brooks, blacksmith, Lowell \$265 12 acres with buildings thereon, now lived in & occupied by Samuel Butterfield.
North: Bk. 16, pg. 27 South: Bk.453, pg. 547	3/29/1845 Public Auction Judgement for Debt	Samuel Butterfield (Jefferson Bancroft, Deputy Sheriff) to Hildreth P. Dutton \$265 12 acres with buildings thereon, now lived in & occupied by Samuel Butterfield Butterfield's right in equity
North: Bk. 13, pg. 249 South: Bk.331, pg. 175	4/ 2/1834	Jepthah Parker, yeoman, to Samuel Butterfield, blacksmith \$950 12 acres total - with house & barn, both sides of road house lot - north side of road right of way north of house
North: Bk. 11, pg. 208 South: Bk.371, pg. 259	prior to 4/8/1834 Mortgage deed assignment	John Foster, Cambridge, to Jepthah Parker, yeoman \$398.25

North: B. 11, p. 208	9/26/1832	Estate of Thomas Foster to
South: B. 371, pg. 259	Mortgage deed assignment	John Foster, Gentleman, Cambridge \$386.24
North: B. 11, p. 234	2/15/1822	Joseph Bailey, saddeller, to
South: B. 243, p. 516	Mortgage deed	Eben Adams, gentleman \$280 15 acres total with dwelling house & barn $\frac{1}{2}$ acre - on north side of road, with house in which Bailey lives 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres - south side of road, with barn
North: B. 11, pg 153	9/27/1821	Joseph Bailey, sadler, to
South: B. 241, p. 110	Mortgage deed	Thomas Foster, physician, Cambridge \$500 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres total with house & barn $\frac{1}{2}$ acre -north side of road, with house in which Bailey lives. 12 acres -south side of road, with barn.
North: B. 11, p. 23	3/10/1821	Joseph Bailey, yeoman, to
South: B. 237, p. 354	Mortgage deed	Nahum H. Groce, gentleman, Westford \$200 8 acres total with house & Barn $\frac{1}{8}$ acre -north side of road, with house in which Bailey lives. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres -south side of road, with barn
	9/ 1/1821	
	Mortgage discharged	
North: B. 8, pg. 422	4/15/1814	Walter Hastings, Esquire, Townsend, to
South: B. 212, pg. 536		Joseph Bailey, victualer \$1000 8 acres total with house & bann $\frac{1}{8}$ acre -north side of road, with house in which Bailey lives. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres-south side of road, with barn
North: B. 9, pg. 491	1/19/1811	Ebenezer Bridge to
South: B. 192, pg. 108	Judgement for Debt.	Walter Hastings, Esq., Townsend \$1000 several pieces, including: 1 acre - on north side or road with house in which Bailey lives. 10 acres -south side of road opposite Bailey's house.



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