

FORM B - BUILDING

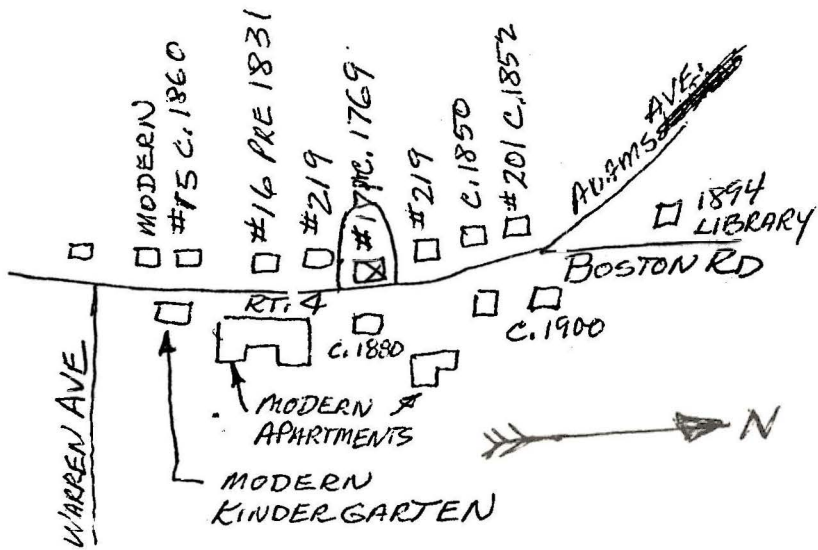
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	17



City CHELMSFORD
 Address 47 BOSTON ROAD
 Name H. PARKHURST HOUSE
 Present use PRIVATE DWELLING
 Present owner MRS. DONALD H. FOGG
 Description
PRE-769
 Source MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT
REGISTRY OF DEEDS
 Architect _____

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



Exterior wall fabric WOOD CLAPBOARD
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features _____

Room added NORTH SIDE Date c.1840?
 Moved FOR STREETCAR RIGHT OF WAY Date c.1916?

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre 1.54A.
 Approximate frontage 190 FEET
 Approximate distance of building from street
10 FEET

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

6. Recorded by John P. Richardson
 Organization CHELMSFORD HISTORICAL COMM.
 Date MARCH 30, 1983

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates COBBLER SHOP AND RESIDENCE

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ Invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

THE PROPERTY'S PROXIMITY TO THE CENTER OF TOWN ATTRACTED A LARGE NUMBER OF SKILLED TRADESMEN AS WELL AS FARMERS TO LIVE AND WORK ON THE PREMISES. FROM 1769 ON, THE PROPERTY WAS OWNED BY A JOINER, A CORDWINDER, A BLACKSMITH ~~AND~~, A TANNER AND A COBBLER. THE PRESENCE OF THESE TRADESMEN ATTRACTED OTHER PEOPLE AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE TOWN'S EARLY GROWTH

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

MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS
NORTH: BK 5, P. 130
WATERS, HISTORY OF CHELMSFORD (1917)

47 Boston Road
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

- North: Bk. 486, pg. 453 12/19/1911 Marietta F. Spalding, formerly Marietta
F. Parkhurst, Pasadena, Cal., to
Mary L. & Warner B. Sargent, Dracut
for love & affection
5 A. & dwelling house
- North: Bk. 99, pg. 39 1/ 6/1874 Hezekiah Parkhurst to
Marietta F. Parkhurst
for maintenance & support
2 lots on Bedford rd.
1. 5A. & dwelling house - west
side of road
subject to well privilege of
Octavia Parkhurst
2. 1½A. & barn - east side of road
7A. - on Littleton rd. (lime quarry)
- North: Bk. 17, pg. 11 5/ 1/1847 Josiah K. Parkhurst, wheelwright, to
Hezekiah Parkhurst, yeoman
\$1200
2 lots - Bedford rd.
1. 5A. & dwelling house - west
side of road
subject to well privilege
2. 1½A. & barn & east side of road
- North: Bk. 14, pg. 399 4/ 6/1840 Samuel S. Parkhurst & Ebenezer Cowdry,
yeomen, to
South: Bk. 394, pg. 108 Josiah K. Parkhurst, yeoman
\$1200
2 lots - rd. to Carlisle
1. 5A. & buildings thereon
2. 1½A. & barn thereon
- North: Bk. 14, pg. 392 3/16/1840 Hezekiah Parkhurst, yeoman, to
South: Bk. 391, pg. 499 bankruptcy Samuel S. Parkhurst & Ebenezer Cowdry,
covenant Trustees
several lots - to be sold to satisfy
creditors
1. 12½A. - 1827 Webber & 1836
Hodgman deed
2. 20A. - 1835 Parkhurst deed
3. ½A. peat meadow - Samuel
Stevens deed
4. all other of his lands &
personal property
- North: Bk. 12, pg. 20 4/12/1827 Josiah Webber, carpenter, to
South: Bk. 273, pg. 322 Hezekiah Parkhurst, tanner
\$800
2 lots - rd. to Carlisle
1. 5A. & dwelling house thereon
2. 1½A. & barn thereon

North: Bk. 12, pg. 10
South: Bk. 273, pg. 205

2/14/1824

Benjamin Ives Obear, housewright, to
Josiah Webber, housewright
\$500

$\frac{1}{2}$ portion:

1. 4A. & dwelling house, barn -
west side of rd.
2. land & barn - east side of rd.

North: Bk. 8, pg. 528
South: Bk. 218, pg. 411

8/27/1816

John Adams, yeoman, to
Josiah Webber & Benjamin Ives Obear,
housewrights

\$1000

12A. - both sides of rd. to Carlisle
dwelling house & barn

North: Bk. 10, pg. 204
South: Bk. 231, pg. 167

11/29/1815

Phineas Wright, yeoman, Westford, to
John Adams, yeoman

\$1000

2 lots

1. west side of rd - dwelling house
2. east side of rd - barn

North: Bk. 8, pg. 470
South: Bk. 215, pg. 323

11/15/1815

Benjamin Byam, gentleman, to
Phineas Wright, yeoman, Westford,

\$1000

homestead farm whereon I now live -12A.

1. west side of rd - dwelling house
2. east side of rd.

North: Bk. 7, pg. 441
South: Bk. 120, pg. 359

11/20/1795

James Bayley, cordwainer, to
Benjamin Byam, cordwainer

120 pounds

homestead farm whereon I now live,
dwelling house & barn - 12 A.

1. west side of rd.
2. east side of rd.

North: Bk. 7, pg. 439
South: Bk. 120, pg. 356

3/13/1795

Isaac Chamberlain, blacksmith, to
James Bayley, cordwainer

49 pounds

$\frac{1}{2}$ portion: - 12A. & house & barn thereon

1. west side of rd.
2. east side of rd.

North: Bk. 9, pg. 324
South: Bk. 173, pg. 230

11/12/1792

David Bailey, cordwainer, to
Isaac Chamberlain, yeoman

50 pounds

$\frac{1}{2}$ portion - 6A. & dwelling house,
barn, out house or shop

1. west side of rd. to Carlisle
2. east side of rd. to Carlisle

North: Bk. 7, pg. 112
South: Bk.105, pg. 173

4/ 4/1791

Isaac Chamberlain, blacksmith, to
James & David Bayleys, cordwainers,
Boston

99 pounds
homestead farm whereon I now live -
12A. & dwelling house, barn, &
one shop

1. west side of rd.
2. east side of rd.

excluding a little house standing
partly on the highway, owned by
Cornwell Foster which he may move

North: Bk. 7, pg. 84
South: Bk.104, pg. 187

1/23/1779

Isaac Foster, shop joiner, to
Isaac Chamberlain, blacksmith
368 pounds

2 lots & buildings thereon - at
Sawpit hill on rd. to Joseph
Adams mill

1. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. - west side of rd.
2. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. - east side of rd.

North: Bk. 5, pg. 130
South: Bk. 69, pg. 332

3/31/1769

Reuben Gould to
Isaac Foster, Jr., joiner, Billerica
66:13:04

2 lots - land & buildings thereon at
Sawpit Hill on rd. to Joseph
Adams mill

1. 10A - west side of rd.
2. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ A - east side of rd.

#47 Boston Road



The Hezekiah Parkhurst House
great grandfather of the 1987 owner Juli Parkhurst
henhouse ~~car~~ by Donald H. Fogg
(Warren) Fogg

Lowell Weekly Journal

Jan. 1882 Obituary

Mr. Hezekiah Parkhurst, one of our oldest citizens and a man universally esteemed, died at his residence in this village Friday morning, Jan. 20. About eighteen months ago he experienced a slight attack of paralysis, since which his physical and mental powers have been gradually failing. Sunday morning, the 15th, he was completely prostrated with a second paralytic stroke, entirely losing consciousness, which he never regained. Deceased was born in this town Feb. 16, 1797, and therefore had nearly reached the advanced age of 85 years. He was the third of a family of eleven children, all of whom, with one exception, reached mature years. But three now survive, Sewall and Solomon, life-long residents of this village, both of whom several years ago passed the allotted three score years and ten, and Martha, a younger sister, and widow of the late John A. Buttrick of Lowell. Deceased was a man of very cheerful temperament and during a long business acquaintance with many of the older citizens of Lowell - covering a period of nearly forty years - his genial presence, pleasant wit, and hearty laugh were as familiar and welcome to them as to his own townsmen.

For many years he had been a member of Oberlin lodge, No. 28, I.O.O.F. of Lowell, and at his decease probably was one of the oldest, if not the senior member, in point of age. A firm believer in the cardinal doctrines of Universalism, he joined the church in this village some twenty-five years ago, then under the pastoral care of Rev. R.A. Ballou. A widow, son and two daughters survive, and to the unwearied devotion of the youngest daughter, upon whom has necessarily devolved the principal care of her aged parents, is due very much of the comfort of their declining years. Of unvarying courtesy and possessed of a large fund of that charity which "is not easily provoked, which thinketh no evil," it may safely be said of this aged man that he leaved no legacy of unpleasant memories of unkind words or deeds, but in the fulness of years, with unwavering trust and confidence in the Divine goodness, he has gladly joined the company of those to whom have been revealed the mysteries of the great hereafter.

Lowell Daily Courier

Dec. 29, 1903

Chelmsford

One of the most notable Christmas gatherings was that at the "little redcottage" in South Street where Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Emerson entertained near relatives at dinner, 17 being present, representing 4 generations and the host is yet in his 60's!

Lowell Courier-Citizen

June 30, 1912 - The death of Mrs. Eliza J. Emerson, widow of H. Herbert Emerson, a lifelong and one of the older residents of Chelmsford, occurred at her home on the Boston road late Saturday afternoon, following an illness of less than a week. During the past winter Mrs. Emerson had been seriously ill and had not fully regained her strength when she was again suddenly taken sick. She was the daughter of Hezekiah and Julia A. (Butterfield) Parkhurst and was born April 5, 1839 in the house in which she died. Of a family of five children, but one survives, Mrs. Marietta F. Spaulding of Pasadena, California, widow of Edward E. Spaulding. Her married life was passed in Chelmsford, the death of her husband occurring October 22, 1904. She is survived by one son, Edward B. Emerson, and two daughters, Mrs. W.B. Sargent and Mrs. Arthur M. Warren, all of Chelmsford; also several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



8/7/2004 F. Merriam