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



1. Town CHELMSFORD
 Address 59 BOSTON ROAD
 Name A. J. LAMPHERE HOUSE
 Present use 1 FAMILY RESIDENCE

Present owner _____

3. Description:

Date PRIOR TO 1831
 Source 1831 MAP OF CHELMSFORD AND ARCHITECTURAL STYLE
 Style FEDERAL

Architect NONE

Exterior wall fabric CLAP BOARDS

Outbuildings (describe) NONE

Other features CORNICE, FRIEZE AND FANLIGHT OVER CENTER ENTRANCE

Altered SCREENED PORCH Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 70.5 FT
 Approximate distance of building from street ~ 5 FT

6. Recorded by JOHN P. RICHARDSON
 Organization CHELMSFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 Date APRIL 28, 1983

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



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

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use RESIDENCE

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

THE HOUSE IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT
RETAINS MANY EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL
FEATURES OF PERIOD FEDERAL DESIGN
FOR 30 YEARS IT WAS THE HOME OF
A DISABLED CIVIL WAR VETERAN WHO
HAD SERVED FOR 4 YEARS AND CONTRACTED
MALARIA WHICH STAYED WITH FOR THE
REST OF HIS LIFE.

ON APRIL 26, 1976
THE HOUSE RECEIVED SEVERE INTERIOR DAMAGE
FROM FIRE WHICH STARTED IN THE FIRST FLOOR
KITCHEN AND SPREAD INTO THE CHIMNEY
AREA AND THE PARTITIONS. THE EXTERIOR
DAMAGE WAS NOT EXTENSIVE.

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

1831 MAP OF CHELMSFORD
MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 14,
P. 456
LOWELL SUN, MONDAY APRIL 26, 1976
LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL, NOVEMBER 18, 1898

Middlesex North District of Deeds

Book 1644, pg. 237	4/18/1964	Norman & Treva Moray from Paul & Mary Welch
Books: 1546, pg. 96	2/5/1962	Paul & Mary Welch from Lydwyn Bachelder
Book 1295, pg. 487	6/2/1955	Lydwyn Bachelder from Arthur Lentz
Book 1167, pg. 25	5/3/1951	Arthur Lentz from William & Helena Roney
1163x Book: 1163, pg. 281	3/18/1951	William & Helena Roney from Arthur Eno
Book: 1163, pg. 281	2/7/1951	Arthur Eno from Frank C. Douglass
Books: 907, pg. 195	11/6/1937	Frank & Mary Douglass from Ruth Buxton
Book: 907, pg. 194	11/6/1937	Ruth Buxton from Mary E. Douglass (former Mary McDonald) (Also former Mary Lamphere)
Books: 398, pg. 219	11/27/1906	George Lamphere from Herbert Lamphere (1/2 interest) Herbert & George Lamphere from Albion Lamphere
Book 92, pg. 287	4/7/1873	Albion Lamphere from Martha Blanchard

Lowell Weekly Journal

July 14, 1893 - Herbert W. Lamphere, a resident of the village, and in the employ of Charles E. Parkhurst, carpenter, met with a severe accident Tuesday afternoon. He was at work upon the roof of Arthur M. Warren's new barn, and while passing along the staging missed his footing and fell about 20 feet to the ground, breaking a large bone in the left leg below the knee, besides receiving a scalp wound and a gash of the lip. He was taken at once to his home and Dr. Chamberlin summoned.

Feb. 28, 1896 - Mr. J. Byron Lamphere, having left the Lowell Machine shop on account of his health, has accepted a position as agent of A.W. Dowers, and is now prepared to take orders on extracts, perfumery, etc.

April 24, 1896 - A.J. Lamphere, long an invalid, is somewhat worse from hemorrhage of the bowels.

July 17, 1896 - A.J. Lamphere has recently had several hemorrhages and consequently is quite weak.

Dec. 4, 1896 - A.J. Lamphere again experienced a severe hemorrhage last week. As a veteran of the civil war Mr. Lamphere has had his full share of the physical ills which are a legacy to so many of the participants in the great struggle.

July 16, 1897 - Mrs. Jennie (Atwood), wife of Albion J. Lamphere of Chelmsford Centre, died at her home in South street, Wednesday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock, aged 54 years. The immediate cause of death was paralysis and heart failure, the result of a severe attack of grip contracted about six months ago. Mrs. Lamphere was a devoted wife and mother. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons, Herbert W., George B. and Frank A., all residents of the town. The bereavement bears with special severity upon the afflicted family, as the husband has long been in invalid from disease contracted in the military service in the civil war. The funeral will take place from the family home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

July 30, 1897 - A.J. Lamphere has been quite feeble the present week.

April 15, 1898 - Frank A. Lamphere is quite feeble at his home in South street.

May 6, 1898 - There is no improvement in the condition of Frank A. Lamphere, who is critically ill with consumption.

May 20, 1898 - Frank A. Lamphere, youngest son of Albion J. and the late Mary L. Lamphere, died at his father's home in South street, Chelmsford, Thursday night, after an illness of several months, aged 22 years. He was a young man of excellent character and habits and of quiet, retiring disposition. Since the death of his mother in July, 1897, until prostrated by illness, he had been a constant and devoted attendant upon his father, a veteran of the civil war, who had long been an invalid from disease contracted in the military service. Besides his father he is survived by two brothers, Herbert W. and G. Byron, both residents of Chelmsford.

Oct. 14, 1898 - A.J. Lamphere is quite feeble at his home in South street.

Oct. 21, 1898 - A.J. Lamphere is now confined to his bed by increasing feebleness.

Nov. 4, 1898 - At the time of writing (Thursday noon) Albion J. Lamphere is very low and apparently can survive but a short time.

Nov. 18, 1898 - Albion J. Lamphere of Chelmsford, a veteran of the civil war, died at his home in South street, Tuesday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock, aged 58 years. He was the son of Levi and Fanny Lamphere and born in Lebanon, N.H., but had lived in Chelmsford about 40 years. He was a farmer by occupation. Oct. 14, 1861, he was mustered into the United States service as a private in Co. E, 26th regiment, M.V.M., for three years, but Dec. 31, 1863 was mustered out that he might re-enlist for a longer term of service and was again mustered in Feb. 1, 1864, remaining in the service till the expiration of his term, Aug. 26, 1865. Two of his brothers were also in the Union army and the record of the three is a most honorable one.....The subject of this notice also lost his health in the army, having contracted a malarial trouble which clung to him through the remainder of his life. For the last nine years he had been unable to labor, his strength slowly but surely yielding to the steady progress of disease which he bore with patience and fortitude.....Within the past 15 months he had lost by death his wife and youngest son. He is survived by two sons, Herbert W. and George Byron, who have ministered most devotedly to their father in the many weeks of extreme feebleness that preceded his departure. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Hiram J. Brown of Chelmsford.

April 28, 1899 - Mrs. Carrie Wright is again in town, and is housekeeper for G.B. Lamphere.



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