

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	270



1 Town Chelmsford
 Address 11 Bridge Street
 Name Caverly House
 Present use residence - 2 family
 Present owner Andrew L. Peterson

3. Description

Date 1892
 Source Lowell Weekly Journal

Style Queen Anne
 Builder _____
 Architect Charles E. Parkhurst

Exterior wall fabric 1st story:clapboard
2nd story:shingles

Outbuildings (describe) at least 45 yrs.old
2 story garage 20x24

Other features circular stained glass
window on porch

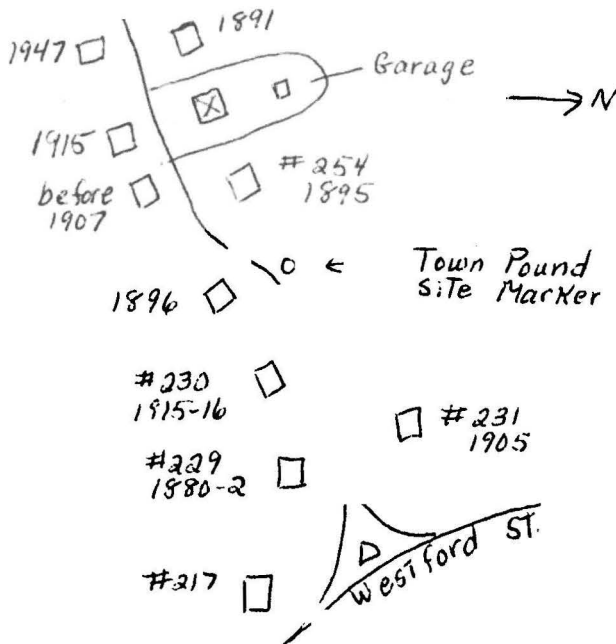
Altered see attached

Moved no

5. Lot size:
24,550 sq. ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 100 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
ca 25 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury
 Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission
 Date March 6, 1980

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) John H. Caverly
 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	<u> </u>	Social/ humanitarian
Commerce		Military	<u> </u>	Transportation
Communication		Political	<u> </u>	
Community development	<u> x </u>			

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

In 1892 John H. Caverly purchased the land from Charles E. Parkhurst and hired Mr. Parkhurst to build the house. The batters were up on Aug. 5, and by Oct. 7 the construction of the dwelling was "well under way."

The original design of this house is a mirror image of two houses on Littleton Road also built by Charles E. Parkhurst, contractor. Construction on the dwelling at 46 Littleton Road (inventory #265) was begun in the fall of 1892, and the house at 52 Littleton Road (inventory #269) was built in 1893.

John H. Caverly was the paymaster at the Merrimack Manufacturing Co. in Lowell, where his son Roy also worked in the counting room. Mr. Caverly sold the house in Dec. 1905, and during the period of 1906-1930 it was owned and occupied by the Smith family, headed by Mrs. Susan D. Smith, widow.

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

Middlesex No. Dist. Deeds: Bk. 237, pg. 55 (1892)
 Lowell Weekly Journal: 7/29/1892, 8/5/1892, 10/7/1892, 10/21/1892, 3/6/1896
 Chelmsford Directory: 1898/99, 1915-1919, 1922
 Chelmsford Town Hall:
 Town Clerk - 1976 aerial map, 1912 Bridge St. plan
 Assessors - Revaluation card

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 270
Property Name: Caverly House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

3, Alterations

Porch rebuilt - date unknown

Sleeping porch above porch added? (It has the same type of shingles as are on the rest of the 2nd story - the latter are original)

See picture with inventory of #265 (46 Littleton Rd.):
general design is mirror image of 11 Bridge St. when built.

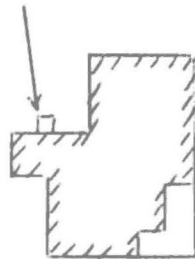
Interior doors - burned for heat during depression

Front hallway, pantry wall removed by present owner, kitchen remodelled
1968

Made into 2 family residence ca 1964 (apartment for son, not living there 1980)

Chimneys:

new cinder block chimney added by present owner



former old chimney in rear ell

11 Bridge Street
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Bk. 1807, pg. 173	8/ 3/1967	Andrew L. Peterson to Andrew L. & Frances M. Peterson land & buildings - most of lot 3 & small triangular portion lot 2: 1890 plan
Bk. 873, pg. 158	10/ 4/1935	John F., jr. & Bernice Welch to George W. & Marie Aldegonde Peterson land & buildings - most of lot 3 & small triangular portion lot 2: 1890 plan
Bk. 792, pg. 577	7/15/1930	Leo E. Dinneen, Lowell, to John F., Jr. & Bernice Welch, Lowell land & buildings - most of lot 3 & small triangular portion lot 2: 1890 plan
Bk. 790, pg. 139	5/17/1930	Middlesex National Bank, Lowell, to Leo E. Dinneen, Lowell land & buildings - most of lot 3 & small triangular portion lot 2: 1890 plan use of well
Bk. 771, pg. 155	11/27/1928 Mortgage	Wallace E. & Cora S. Smith, both unmarried, to Middlesex National Bank, Lowell \$6000 land & buildings - most of lot 3 & small triangular portion lot 2: 1890 plan use of well
Bk. 771, pg. 152	11/27/1928	Florence E. Grant to Wallace E. & Cora S. Smith \$500 23,400 sq. ft. - lot 3, except small triangular portion: 1890 plan well right
Bk. 769, pg. 498	11/ 2/1928 Assignment	City Institution for Savings, Lowell, to Florence E. Grant
Bk. 602, pg. 31	4/18/1919 Mortgage	Susan D. & Cora S. Smith, both unmarried, to City Institution for Savings, Lowell \$1000 23,400 sq. ft. & buildings - lot 3, except small triangular portion: 1890 plan well right
Bk. 389, pg. 145	4/10/1906	William H.M. Healey, Lynnfield, to Cora S. Smith, Phillipston $\frac{1}{4}$ part 2 lots: 1) 23,400 sq. ft. - lot 3, except small triangular portion: 1890 plan 2) small triangular portion lot 2: 1890 plan well right

Bk. 389, pg. 147	4/10/1906	William H.M. Healey, Lynnfield, to Susan G. Smith, Phillipston 3/4 part 2 lots: 1) 23,400 sq. ft. - lot 3, except small triangular portion: 1890 plan 2) small triangular portion lot 2: 1890 plan
Bk. 385, pg. 188	12/22/1905	John H. Caverly to William H.M. Healey, Lynnfield 2 lots: 1) 23,400 sq. ft. - lot 3, except small triangular portion: 1890 plan 2) small triangular portion lot 2: 1890 plan
Bk. 237, pg. 55	8/31/1892	Charles E. Parkhurst to John H. Caverly, Lowell \$700 23,400 sq. ft. land well right

Lowell Weekly Journal

July 29, 1892 - Saturday E.K. Parkhurst effected a sale of a fine building lot on Bridge street, belonging to Charles E. Parkhurst, to J.H. Caverly of Lowell, paymaster of the Merrimack Manufacturing company. Mr. Caverly will at once build a dwelling house, which he expects to occupy before the close of the present year. Charles E. Parkhurst has the contract.

Aug. 5, 1892 - The batters are up for Mr. J.H. Caverly's house on Bridge street.

Oct. 7, 1892 - J.H. Caverly's new dwelling on Bridge street is well under way. Charles E. Parkhurst is the contractor.

Oct. 21, 1892 - Mr. Matthias Hutchins has let the contract to Charles E. Parkhurst to build a two story frame house on Littleton street east of the owner's present residence. It will be of the same general design of the Caverly house on Bridge street. Mr. Hutchins has the taste, disposition, and ability to materially improve his estate, and he has constantly exercised these qualities since he took possession of the premises.

Mar. 6, 1896 - By a fall Tuesday evening, Mrs. Severance, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. J.H. Caverly, sustained a fracture of the hip, which is, indeed, a great misfortune for one advanced in years.

Mar. 6, 1896 - Roy H. Caverly can be found at the Merrimack counting room during the next four weeks.



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