

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In Area no. East	Form no. 293
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Town Chelmsford

Address 84 Carlisle Street

Name Michael Norton House

Present Use 1 family residence

Present Owner Edward & Joan LaTourneau

Description

Date 1894

Source deeds, tax records

Style Victorian

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric vinyl siding over clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) garage removed

Other features

open deck on right side of house
large yard in rear slopes sharply down

Altered see attached Date see attached

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size 13,135.19 sq. ft

One acre or less X Over one acre

Approximate frontage 112.31 ft.

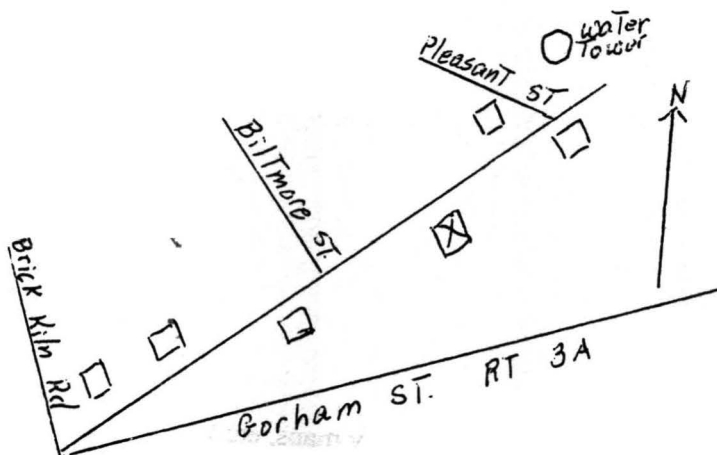
Approximate distance of building from street
ca 14 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Historic. Commission

Date November 20, 1999

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.

7 Original owner (if known) Michael H. Norton

Original Use 1 family residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

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	Transportation
Communication	<u> </u>	
Community development	<u> x </u>	

9 Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

During the 1890-1900 period there was a large building boom in Chelmsford, when many people moved here from Lowell. Such was the case with this residence.

Although Mr. Michael Norton purchased the property in 1890, the house was not actually built until 1894, when he and his wife, Josephine Norton, and family moved there from their former home in Lowell. Mr. Norton was a machinist and also was a dealer in bicycles and supplies in Lowell. Following his death at the Pillsbury Hospital in Concord, NH, his widow remained at this house, working as a dressmaker. For about ten years she boarded with her son-in-law Harry R. Dix, a few houses down the street, but by 1940 she had returned to 84 Carlisle Street. She died in 1948, and the house was sold to Frank and Laura Butler.

Mr. Butler was employed in the finishing room at the Talbor Mills in North Billerica until his retirement in 1962. Mrs. Butler grew up in Lowell and for many years worked as a laborer in a shoe factory until her retirement in 1970, when she sold the house to the present owners.

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

- Middlesex North Registry of Deeds: Bk. 216, pg. 585 (May 3, 1890)
- Tax/real estate valuation records
- Town clerk's records: deaths
- Lowell Sun: obituaries
- Street directories
- Joan L. LaTourneau

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community	Form No
Chelmsford	293
Property Name: Michael Norton House	

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

Alterations:

April 1986

vinyl siding put over clapboards
gingerbread removed

Oct. 1990

enclosed porch added

ca 1975

separate garage removed

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

34 Carlisle Street
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Bk	pg	June 8, 1970	Laura E. Butler to Edward A. & Joan L. LaTourneau, Groton School Rd., Ayer \$14,900.00 13,135.19 s.f. & buildings thereon lot 17, Dyar 1890 plan Frank C. Butler died Oct. 18, 1968
Bk. 1107	pg.	Dec 2, 1948	Estate of Josephine Norton (Josie E Frank C. & Laura E. Butler \$4700 13,135.19 s.f. & buildings thereon lot 17, Dyar 1890 plan
Bk. 328	pg. 343	Apr. 5, Release	Harriet W. Conant, Lowell, to Michael H. Norton, East Chelmsford \$1 & other valuable considerations 13,135.19 s.f. & buildings thereon lot 17, Dyar 1890 plan
Bk	328, pg. 343	Apr. 5, 1901	Michael H. Norton to Harriet W. Conant Lowell \$1 13,135.19 s.f. & buildings thereon lot 17, Dyar 1890 plan
Bk	216 pg. 585	May 3, 1890	George Dyar to Michael H. Norton, Lowell \$118 13,135.9 s.f. land lot 17, Dyar 1890 plan



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