

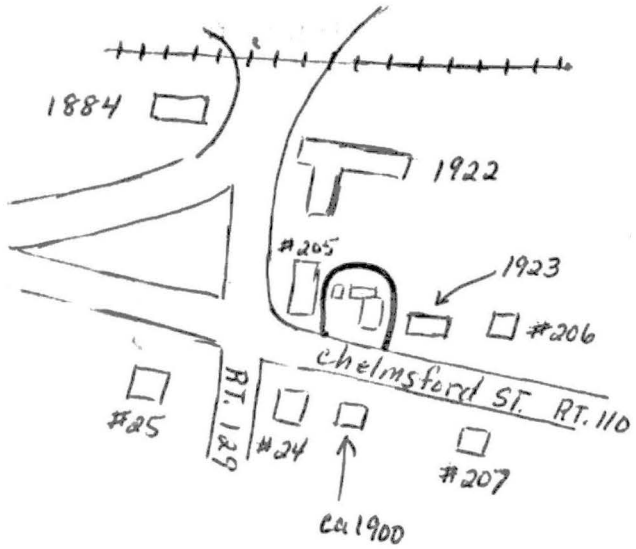
FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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 _____
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1. Town Chelmsford
Address 8 Chelmsford Street
Name Smith/Osborn House
Present use residence

Present owner William V. York

3. Description
Date probably ca 1858
Source deeds, maps, valuation list
Style _____
Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) 1 garage
Other features _____

Altered see attached Date _____
Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
1/5 acre
Approximate frontage ca 54 feet
Approximate distance of building from street
ca 14 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury
Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission
Date February 23, 1975

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
Commerçè	Military	Transportation
Communication	Political	
Community development	<u> x </u>	

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

The probable first owner of the house, Asa Hill, Jr., was a trader who sold the house in 1859, two years before the old tavern next door burned down and was sold by him after moving to Lowell from Chelmsford.

The second owner was Rodney Brown, a stone mason who lived in Billerica and soon sold to Jonathan Emerson, who owned the house next door at 20 Chelmsford St. (#206). According to atlases of 1875 and 1889, he and his wife lived in the small house at 8 Chelmsford St., while their son lived in the larger house next door.

Following Emerson ownership of 29 years, the house was owned by the Asworths for 24 years, and the Smiths for 36 years. The Osborn/York families, present owners, bought the house in 1949.

Although a small building at a busy corner of the town, the house has remained a residence with long term owners.

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

1831 map
1875 Beers Atlas
1889 Atlas
1859 Chelmsford Valuation List
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds:
1856 - Bk. 4, pg. 170; 1859 - Bk. 18, pg. 343; 1861 - Bk. 27, pg. 175;
1928 - Bk. 759, pg. 452.

8 Chelmsford Street
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Compiled by J. Drury

Book 1872, pg. 2	12/24/1968	Raymond T. Osborn, Carol A. & William V. York to William V. & Carol A. York. 1/5 acre, buildings thereon
Book 1672, pg. 98	10/27/1964	Raymond T. Osborn to himself and Carol A. & William V. York 1/5 acre, buildings thereon
Book 1124, pg. 466	9/26/1949	Helen Smith, unmarried, to Raymond T. & Ruth J. Osborn 1/5 acre, buildings thereon
Book 518, pg. 435	3/12/1914	Elizabeth Ashworth to Catherine M. Smith 1/5 acre, buildings thereon
Book 503, pg. 268	4/13/1913	Margaret A. Ashworth & Christina A. Robbins to Elizabeth Ashworth 1/5 acre, buildings thereon
Book 214, pg. 560	5/ 7/1890	Adams Emerson estate to James Ashwaorth 1/5 acre, dwelling house \$1600
Book 759, pg. 452	2/13/1928	Ervin W. Sweetser Affidavit Jonathan Emerson died intestate, leaving property to son Dudley B. Emerson; Dudley B. died, leaving property to sons Levander and Adams Emerson; Levander died intestate, Adams his only heir; Adams Emerson died testate.
Book 27, pg. 175	3/30/1861	Rodney Brown, stone mason, of Billerica to Jonathan Emerson, yeoman 6,500 feet & dwelling house \$700
Book 18, pg. 343	3/17/1859	Asa Hill, Jr., trader, to Rodney Brown, stone mason, of Billerica \$800 6,500 feet, dwelling house

Lowell Courier-Citizen

Dec. 13, 1912 - The death of Mrs. Christina Ashworth, widow of James A. Ashworth, occurred at her home in the center of the village this morning. She had been in failing health for some time, but the immediate cause of death was pneumonia, with which she was taken about a week ago. Mrs. Ashworth was a woman of quiet tastes and deep attachment for her home and family; firm and steadfast in her friendships and her passing will be learned with deep regret among a wide acquaintance. She was a member of the Central Congregational society, and always when health would permit, was a regular attendant. She is survived by three daughters, Miss Elizabeth Ashworth, Miss Margaret A. Ashworth, and Mrs. Edward J. Robbins, all of Chelmsford. A notice of the funeral, to be held from the home on Sunday, appears elsewhere.

July 9, 1913 - Mr. B.V. Searle, superintendent of the wool department at the Bigelow Carpet Company at Lowell, is with his family, to occupy the Ashworth cottage in Lowell street, taking possession about the middle of the month. Mr. Searle's former home was in Webster.

Feb. 6, 1914 - B.V. Searle and wife, who have been occupying the Ashworth house for several months, have moved to Lowell, where Mr. Searle has purchased a house on Chelmsford street.

Mar. 16, 1914 - Mrs. Elizabeth Ashworth has sold her house in Lowell street to Mts. Catherine M. Smith, who will occupy it within a short time.

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Home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Osborn at 8 Chelmsford St., Center section.



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