

FORM B - BUILDING

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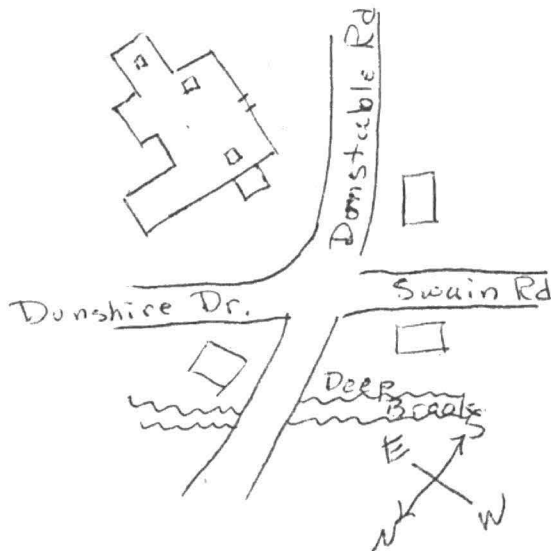
1. Town Chelmsford
 Address 133-135 Dunstable Rd.
 Name Richardson House
 Present use Rental apartments

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
 Staple to left side of form
 Photo number _____

Theresa M. & Richard E. Maille,
 Present owner Ret Realty Trust

3. Description
 Date Between 1714 - 1749
 Source Deed Records
 Style _____
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) None
 Other features _____

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



Altered Yes Date _____
 Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 150 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
25 feet

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

6. Recorded by Norma Faas Thompson
 Organization Chelmsford Historical Comm
 Date September 22, 1975

7 Original owner (if known) Jonathan Richardson

Original use Homestead Estate

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	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian
Commerce	Military		Transportation
Communication	Political		
Community development		<u>x</u>	

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

Original owner Jonathan Richardson was a Selectman in the Town of Chelmsford in 1705, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1715, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1723 and 1730, and Treasurer in 1716 and 1721. He was granted liberty of erecting iron works on Stony Brook in 1707 and was paid by the Town for setting up a sun dial in 1705 and for building a turret with a weather cock for the meeting house in 1719. He also participated in Dummer's War and was one of two Chelmsford Captains to petition Dummer for a scout of men for two months because "... Merrymacke River is at present being Exceedingly low and thereby ye Twon of Chelmsford is very Exceedingly endangered..." in 1725.

Simeon Blodgett a later owner received bounty for going into service during the Revolutionary War. Simeon Blodgett, Jr. is listed on the Pay Roll of Capt. Joseph Emerson Co. in Lt. Col. Ebenezer Bancroft's Regt. called upon to rendezvous at Lancaster on January 26, 1787 in order to support constitutional government.

A deed notes Simeon Blodgett granted to Charles Blood land adjacent to the present property, tools, etc. and agreed to build a saw mill on Deep Brook.

William Adams served in Col. Poor's Regiment and was involved in the development of the iron industry in Chelmsford having once owned a mill on Stoney Brook. Asa Swain erected a shop on Deep Brook and manufactured a water wheel there from 1867 to 1877.

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

History of Chelmsford, Mass., Rev. Wilson Waters. Courier Citizen Co., Lowell, Mass. 1917.

Original owner, Jonathan Richardson was deeded land upon which the dwelling was built by Ebenezer Parker, 6/26/1714, Deed Book 1, p. 442, Northern Middlesex Registry. J. Richardson deeded half his dwelling to J. Richardson Jr. and William Adams in 1749, Book 3, p. 596.

133-135 Dunstable Rd.
Registered Land

Emile J. Maille et al. to Theresa M. & Richard E. Maille

2/28/73 Book 99, P. 347

Emile J. Maille & T.M. Maille, half interest - Richard E. Maille, half

11/2/72 Book 98, P 381

E. Edward Dufresne, owner

3/9/71 Book 92, P. 185

Richard L. & Jane C. Wilkins, owners

3/7/63 Book 67, P. 229

Partial Transfer - Robert C. Wilkins, owner

2/2/62 Book 64, P. 305
6/17/60 Book 59, P. 299

Octave L. L'Herault, owner

9/23/53 Book 47, P 379

Eveline Lherault, married to Octave L., owner

12/17/24 Book 36, P. 169

Esther P. Simpson, owner (lot plan)

3/10/15 Book 6, P. 43

Notice of filing under Land Reg.

3/23/14 Book 518, P. 223
3/12/15 Book 534, P. 200

Verrazano Simpson to Esther Simpson

2/17/02 Book 340, P. 49

Elizabeth Simpson to Verrazano Simpson

6/23/1892 Book 282, P. 411

Benj. Simpson, possn

9/15/1879 Book 135, P. 381

Benj. Simpson, Possn.

6/13/1876 Book 118, P. 181

Asa M. Swain to Benj. F. Simpson

9/26/1874 Book 105, P. 294

H. Hall to S. Flagg (Mtg. Asst.)

5/9/1871 Book 79, P. 314

Harrison Hall to Asa M. Swain (west house)

3/7/1867 Book 54, P. 222

Asa M. Swain to H. Hall (Mtg.)

3/7/1867 Book 54, P. 224

Samuel Wright to Asa M. Swain (except right of H. Hall in house)

11/24/1866 Book 53, P. 504

Asa M. Swain to Samuel Wright (Mtg.)

11/24/1866 Book 53, P. 509

Lowell 5¢ to Samuel Wright (release of Mtg.)

12/11/1866 Book 53, P. 498

Samuel Wright to Lowell 5¢ (Mtg.)

4/25/1859 Book 19, P. 177

Charles & Betsey Blood to Samuel Wright

6/29/1858 Book 19, P. 175

William Rogers to Betsy Blood (Mtg. release)

6/29/1858 Book 19, P. 176

I. Richardson, S. Richardson, Henry Dunn to H. Hall

5/9/1856
9/22/1858 Book 16, P. 428

Charles and Betsey Blood to William Rogers

4/15/1853
4/20/1853 Book 18, P. 266

Elijah M. Read to Harrison Hall

4/12/1852
6/8/1853 Book 18, P. 326

Elijah M. Reed to Harrison Hall

4/12/1853
6/23/1854- Book 18, P. 442

Henry & Sarah Dunn to Elijah Read

3/23/1843
4/20/1853 Book 18, P. 263

Simeon Blodgett to Samuel Dunn

12/31/1823
10/29/1824 Book 11, P. 526

Asa Hodgman to S. Blodgett (Jr.)

2/4/1806
9/9/1807 Book 9, P. 431

L. Adams, J. Adams, E. Adams, O. Adams to S. Blodgett

6/10/1807
8/24/1843

Book 14, P. 557

Simeon Blodgett to S. Blodgett, Jr.

3/ 16/1802
11/12/1804

Book 9, P. 148

J. Richardson Adm. to Simeon Blodgett

9/ 9/1769
4/26/1769

Book 5, P. 117

Johnathan Richardson Heirs to William Adams

8/30/1757
4/18/1758

Book 4, P. 350

William Adams to Richardson Heirs

8/30/1757
4/10/1772

Book 5, P. 282

J. Richardson Jr. to William Adams

9/20/1750
3/ 8/1753

Book 4, P. 14

J. Richardson to J. Richardson Jr. and William Adams

10/14/1749
8/22/1751

Book 3, P. 596

Ebenezer Parker to J. Richardson

6/26/1714
9/27/1714

Book 1, P. 442

133-135 Dunstable Rd.
Richardson House

According to the "History of Chelmsford" by Rev. Wilson Waters Jonathan Richardson, whose homestead farm this appears to be, was a Selectman in the town of Chelmsford in 1705, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1715, Treas. in 1716, 1718, 1719, 1720, Treas. in 1721, 1723 and 1730.

In 1707 Jonathan Richardson and John Richardson were granted the liberty of erecting iron works upon Stony Brook. In 1705 Jonathan Richardson was paid £0:6:0 for setting up the sun dial. In 1719 £ 23:3:7 was paid to Lt. Jonathan Richardson and John Richardson for building a turret with a weather cock for the meeting house.

Jonathan Richardson was on the committee for carrying on the building of the new meeting house in 1710-12.

Variously cited as Lieutenant and Captain, Jonathan Richardson participated in "Dummer's War" when in August 1723 Lt. Governor Dummer then acting Governor of the Province, ordered small detachments of men from several frontier towns to range the woods as the Indians were still in a threatening attitude. He was one of two Chelmsford Captains to petition Dummer for a scout of men for two months because the "...Merrymacke River is at present being Exceedingly low and thereby ye Town of Chelmsford is very Exceedingly endangered..." in 1725.

Simeon Blodgett received bounty for going into service during the Revolutionary War. He was also one of the men granted use of an island in the Merrimack River for fishing in January, 1757.

Simeon Blodgett, Jr. is listed on the Pay Roll of Capt. Joseph Emerson Company in Lt. Col. Ebenezer Bancroft's Regt. called upon to rendezvous at Lancaster on the 29 of January, 1787 in order to support constitutional government.

Charles Blood once owned a mill on Stoney Brook and served as a Selectman in 1826, 1827, 1828 and 1844.

It is also of interest to note that Simeon Blodgett granted to Charles Blood land and tools, etc and agreed to build a saw mill on Deep Brook. At Simeon's and wife's death, land and mill was to go to Charles Blood, his widow, heirs. This deed is in Book 13, p. 156. Dated 6/18/1833.

William Adams, Esq. rebuilt the saw mill, 1815 and in 1814, the gristmill on an improved plan on Stony Brook and Middlesex Rd. He is listed on a Pay Roll For Chelmsford, 1780, raised to join the Continental Army at the North River. He served under Capt. Phinehas Parker. In the summer of 1778 William Adams enlisted and went to West Point; belonged to Capt. Asa Lawrence Co. of Groton, Col. Poor's Regiment; served at White Plains and Peekskill, discharged Feb., 1779.

William Adams was involved with the development of the iron industry in Chelmsford.

In 1867 Asa Swain purchased the property on Deep Brook, the site of an earlier mill, built a dam across Deep Brook and erected a shop 80 x 43 ft. for the manufacture of a water wheel. The shop ran about ten years, given up in 1877 and the property then came into the possession of Dr. Simpson.

