

# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

8/10/63

Westford

**Town/City:** Chelmsford

**Place:** North Chelmsford

**Address:** 85 Dunstable Road

**Historic Name:** Thomas Leman House

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** 1895

**Source:** deeds, taxes

**Style/Form:**

**Architect/Builder:** builder Amelia LeMarinel

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: vinyl, brick veneer

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

**Major Alterations**

Enclosed front porch, date unknown  
Shed, date unknown

**Condition:**

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** .23 acres

**Setting:** The house is one of 3 cottages located 25 feet from the main road to Dunstable. It is in a neighborhood of mixed homes most of which are of the later half of the 1800s.



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## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Linda V. Prescott

**Organization:** Chelmsford Historical Commission

**Date:** 5/2021

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

85 Dunstable Road sits in the middle of a group of three houses close to the street. There is a low stone wall that edges the sidewalk. A small drive way leads from the street along the West elevation. The house has been added onto at a later date. The original footprint was the 19'x28' one and a half story house with a single story wing measuring 14'x18'to the East. There is a modern addition on the North side measuring 24'x12'. The front porch measures 4'x19' and is supported by three square columns. Under the front porch roof, there is a bay window with fixed windows, and a concrete step. The roofs are architectural shingles. The one and a half story section has an average pitch with a small metal vent, just to the West of the ridge, roughly in the center. The single story wing has differing eave heights on the front and back reminiscent of a tutor style. The siding has been covered or replaced with vinyl siding with the exception of the face of the single story wing. All original trim and details have been removed and covered with aluminum. The South elevation has an entry door under the porch with a bay window on the first floor. The second floor has a pair of double hung windows. The single story addition has an additional entry with a pair of octagonal windows flanking it. There is a small dormer on the roof with a double hung window. The East elevation has two additional octagonal windows on the first floor and a double hung on the second floor. The West elevation has two double hung windows on the first floor. The house sits on a field stone foundation.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

In the late 1800's, Amelia LeMarinel recognized the housing need for the workers in North Chelmsford's booming wool and granite industries, to meet the need in 1895, Amelia built 3 identical cottages (1) on the road leading to Dunstable, using them as rentals. These homes were often converted into 2 families for related family members. After Amelia's death her children sold in 1919 to Thomas and Elizebeth Leman. (2) The couple were married in Bradford Cathedral, Yorkshire, England on Nov. 25, 1883. (3) The Lemans along with Mary white, Elizabeth's sister, immigrated to this country in 1909 and were naturalized citizens when they bought the house in 1919. (4) The 1920 Federal Census shows the Lemans were 60 years old and Mary White was 67 years old. Both Mary and Thomas were working in the wool mills. (5) On Nov. 25, 1922, Thomas passed. (6) In May 1924 the house passed to George and Elizebeth Leman, Thomas's son and daughter-in-law. (7) The 1930 Federal Census shows the house was being used as a 2 family with Elizebeth, widow of Thomas and her sister Mary White in one unit and George and Elizebeth, son and daughter-in-law, living in the second unit with their 3 children. (8) The widow of Thomas passed on June 22, 1944 at the age of 86. (9) George, his wife Elizebeth and son Albert continued to live in the house. George Leman also immigrated in 1909, became a naturalized citizen and worked as a comber in the wool mills. (10) On George Leman's draft registration card for World War I he stated he worked as an overseer in the U.S. Worsted Mill and requested exemption from the draft to support his family. The card also noted he was 30 years of age, of average height and build, had grey eyes and brown hair. (11) George passed on September 26, 1944. (12) The widow Elizebeth Ellen stayed in the house until May 1966 when she sold it to the current owners Leroy and Virginia Fielding. Elizebeth E. passed in 1979. (13)

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Resident lists show George and Alice Tattersall, as a retired couple, lived in the house 1945-1966. (14) George and Alice were Irish immigrants. (15) Vital statistics show George (first wife Susannah) married Mary Austin born in Ireland and working as a housekeeper on December 23, 1893 in Lawrence, MA. (16) According to George's World War I Enlistment Card, he was tall, "stout" with grey eyes and light hair.

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Resident List

YEAR	PG	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	NOTES
1915	182	Gaillardetz	Albert		quarryman	H Dunstable Rd
			Agnes			wid of Jean b A Gaillardetz
1916			Agnes			wid of Jean b A Gaillardetz
			Albert		quarryman	
1917	182		Albert		quarryman	
			Agnes			wid of Jean b A Gaillardetz
1925	224	Leman	George		mill oper	
			Elizabeth E			wife
1932	167		Geo		mill oper	
			Elizabeth E			wife
1939			Elizabeth E.	41	cleaner	
			George	52	at home	
1940	22		Elizabeth E	42	cleaner	
	21		George	53	at home	
1941	22		Elizabeth	43	housewife	
	22		George	55	unemployed	
1942	3	Bilida	Boris	57	Mill worker	Russian
			Walter	26	mill worker	
1943		none				
1967	126	Belanger	Janet		housewife	last address Melrose
			Robert P.		Chef	" " "
1966	121		Janet C.	1936	housewife	
			Robert P.	1935	Chef	
1963	162	Bilida	Anastasia	1883	housewife	
			Boris	1884	retired	
1961	58		Anastasia	1883	housewife	
			Boris	1884	retired	
1960	66		Anastasia	1883	housewife	
			Boris	1884	retired	
1959			Anastasia	12/ /83	housewife	
			Boris	4/20/84	retired	
1958	4	Belida	Boris	73	retired	
	4		Anastasia	78	housewife	
1957	4		Anastasia	77	housewife	
	4		Boris	72	retired	
1956	3		Boris	71	mill worker	
	5		Anastasia	76	housewife	
1955	4		Anastasia	75	housewife	
	3		Boris	70	mill worker	
1954	4		Anastasia	74	housewife	
	3		Boris	69	mill worker	
1953	3		Boris	68	mill worker	
	4		Anastasia	73	housewife	
1952	3		Anastasia	72	housewife	
	3		Boris	67	mill worker	
1951	3		Anastasia	71	housewife	
	3		Boris	66	mill worker	
1950	3		Anastasia	77	housewife	
	3		Boris	65	mill worker	
1949	3		Anastasia	76	housewife	
	3		Boris	64	mill worker	
1948	3		Anastasia	68	housewife	

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## Resident List

	3		Boris	63	mill worker	
1947	3		Anastasia	67	housewife	Russian
	3		Boris	62	mill worker	
1946	3		Anastasia	66	housewife	Russian
	3		Boris	61	mill worker	
1945	3		Anastasia	60	housewife	Russian
	3		Boris	60	mill worker	Russian
1944	3		Anastasia	59	housewife	Russian
	3		Boris	60	mill worker	Russian
1943	3		Anastasia	58	housewife	Russian
	3		Boris	60	mill worker	Russian
1942	3		Anastasia	57	housewife	
	3		Boris	57	mill worker	Russian
1941	3		Anastasia	56	housewife	Russian
	3		Boris	56	mill worker	Russian
1940	3		Anastasia	55	housewife	Russian
	3		Boris	55	mill worker	Russian
1939	45		Anastasia	54	housewife	Russian
	5		Boris	54	mill worker	Russian
1931			Anastasia	44	housewife	
			Boris	44	operative	
1932		Belida	none			
1915	204	Gaillardety	Agnes		wid Jean	b Gaillardety's
			Albert		quarryman	h Dunstable rd NC
1916	204	Gaillardety	Agnes		wid Jean	b Gaillardety's
			Albert		quarryman	h Dunstable rd NC
1917	182	Gaillardetz	Agnes		wid Jean	b Gaillardety's
			Albert		quarryman	h Dunstable rd NC
1919	200	Guillardetz	Agnes		wid Jean	b A Guillardety's
			Albert		teamster	h Dunstable rd NC
			Anna		wife of Albert	
1915	196	Daley	John		engineer	h Holt n Washington NC
1905	164	Daley	John		quarryman	h Dunstable Rd byd Main St. NC
1898	162	Daley	John		quarryman	Dunstable Rd. bynd Main





85 Dunstable Road, 2 April 2021, both by Fred Merriam

