

FORM B - BUILDING SURVEY

#91

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

1. Is this building historically significant to:
Town Commonwealth Nation

Building has historical connection with the following themes: (see also reverse side)

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| Scholar | Commerce/industry |
| Agriculture | Science/invention |
| Art/Sculpture | <u>Travel/communication</u> |
| Education | Military Affairs |
| Government | Religion/philosophy |
| Literature | Indians |
| Music | Other _____ |

Development of town/city

Architectural reason for inventorying:

2. Town Chelmsford
Street address 47 Golden Cove Rd.
Name Middlesex Turnpike Tollhouse
Use: original & present tollhouse / residence
Present owner Mrs. Eliza J. Harraford
Open to public _____
see attached
Date sheet Style _____
Source of date _____
Architect _____

OR part of Area # _____

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added see attached sheet

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular very Low Material fieldstone

WALL COVER: Wood clapboard - buttled Brick Stone Other _____

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard _____
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork _____

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed _____

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 see attached sheet PORTICO _____ Balcony

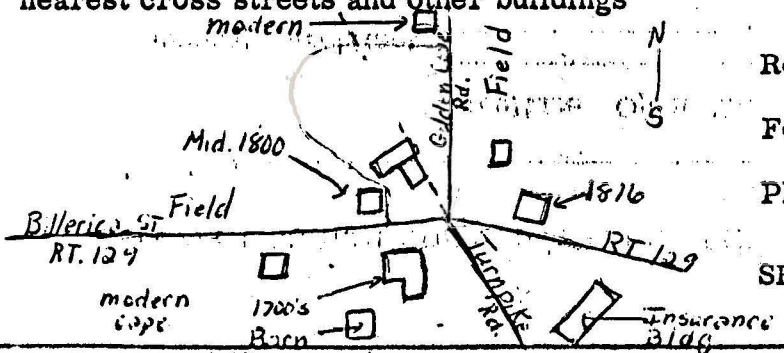
FACADE: Gable end: Front side Ornament _____

Entrance: Side Front Center Side Details: very plain - buttled header or door frame

Windows: Spacing: Regular Irregular Identical Varied see attached sheet

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings



6. Footage of structure from street 16
Property has 485 feet frontage on street

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For Chelmsford Historical Commission

Photo # _____ Date 11/3/72

SEE REVERSE SIDE

RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

- 1. Outbuildings None
- 2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal
 Predominant features see attached sheet
 Landscape architect _____
- 3. Neighboring Structures
 Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.
 Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern
 Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

The Old Middlesex Turnpike, chartered June 15, 1805, opened about five years later and provided a direct route between Boston and New Hampshire. The charter was repealed in 1841, and it became a free road in 1846.

The toll house stands next to the turnpike near the intersection of Rt. 129, Golden Cove Rd., and the turnpike. The toll-takers, a Mr. Saxon and a Mr. Piper, were able to collect tolls by standing at the front door of the house.

When Golden Cove Rd., for many years just a "lovers' lane", became an accepted street and the turnpike in front of the house was discontinued, the front yard was increased by several feet and a porch and a bedroom could be built on to the front of the house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

Waters, History of Chelmsford, Mass (1917)
 Mrs. Eliza J. Saxtonford, owner
 1831 map
 1875 Burr Atlas

RESTRICTIONS _____

Original Owner: _____
 Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____, _____ Registry of Deeds

Middlesex Turnpike Tollhouse
47 Golden Cove Road

Age:

This house appears on an 1831 map of Chelmsford, and it was a tollhouse for the Middlesex Turnpike, which, according to Water's History of Chelmsford, opened about 1810. However, the architecture of the house and the discovery of newspapers dated 1775 behind front wall clapboards suggest that the age of the house may be older than 1810.

Alterations & Additions:

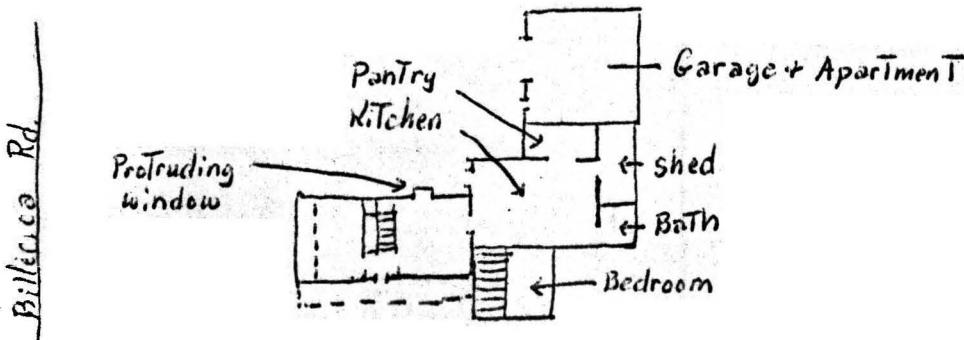
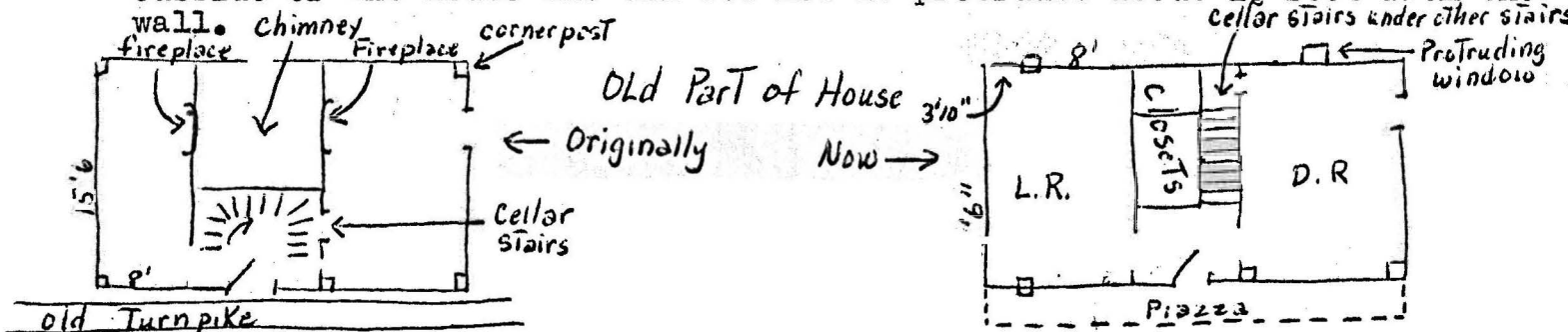
The house originally was a simple two room building (plus two rooms in the second story) with a large chimney between the rooms and behind a staircase which spiralled clockwise upward in 13 steps. There was and is a full cellar with fieldstone walls.

Sometime prior to 1910 a second house containing the present kitchen, bath, and upstairs bedrooms was moved to the right side of the original section, and the cellar was continued under it. A small portion now containing the pantry and shed was probably added to and behind the second house somewhat later. A large garage under an apartment was attached to the pantry-shed also prior to 1910. The piazza fronting the original section was probably built in 1914.

Sometime between 1910 and 1940 the very narrow left room of the original section was extended 3' 10" to the left (one story). A bay window in this addition was replaced by the present fairly large plain window after a fire about 1940.

Sometime after 1915 the present owner's husband added a bedroom and new stairs to the front of the second house; the original stairs in this section were removed to make room for the bathroom. In the original section, the large chimney and spiral stairs were replaced by a smaller chimney, straight stairs, and closet areas, providing a larger vestibule. The direction of the cellar stairs was also changed at this time.

A new window was put in the rear wall of the right room of the original house by the present owner's husband. From the interior, it looks like an old, recessed window with a cupboard underneath. From the outside of the house one can see how it protrudes about 1 1/2 feet from the



47 Golden Cove Rd.

Northern Middlesex District Registry of Deeds

Book 1478, pg. 52	6/7/1960	L. Leroy & Eliza Hannaford from Eliza Hannaford
Book 830, pg. 428	10/9/1933	Eliza Hannaford from Waldo Hannaford
Book 665, pg. 421	7/18/1922	Waldo Hannaford from L. Leroy & Eliza Hannaford 1/2 of the land with buildings.
Book 665, pg. 417	7/18/1922	Leroy & Eliza J. Hannaford from Waldo Hannaford 1/2 of the lands with buildings (Is parcel on Billerica Rd.)
Book 665, pg. 417	7/18/1922	L. Leroy & Eliza Hannaford from Thomas Higgins 1/2 of lands (Is parcel on Billerica Rd)
Book 665, pg. 415	7/18/1922	Thomas Higgins from L. Leroy & Eliza Hannaford 1/2 of lands (Is parcel on Billerica Rd)
Book 496, pg. 163	11/14/1912	Waldo & Roy Hannaford from H. Sweetser, Lyman Byam, A. Dutton (Trustees under the will of John E. Stevens)

Northern Middlesex District Registry of Deeds

Book 428, pg. 532	1/1/1909	Herbert Sweetser, Lyman Byam and Arthur Dutton(trustees for the will of John Stevens) from Arthur & Laura Brown
Book 428, pg. 530	1/1/1902	Laura Brown from Mary E. Worthen 2 acres
264, pg. 91	4/23/1895	Mary E. Worthen from Warren Floyd, J. McCoy, and Annie Stevens (trustees under the will of John E. Stevens) 2 acres
56, pg. 385	4/27/1867	John E. Stevens from William Talbot
Book 14, pg. 413	4/28/1858	William Talbot from Samuel Harvey
North: Book 17, pg. 466		
South: Book 606, pg. 221	3/27/1851	Samuel Harvey from John Mulliken (Includes adjoining Middlesex Turnpike)
North: Book 16, pg.14		
South: Book 450, pg. 530	11/14/1844	John Mulliken from Benjamin Chamberlain

Middlesex District Registry of Deeds

North:

Book 17, pg. 182

South:

6/25/1849

Lydia B. Hunt

from

John Mulliken (Mortgage)

Copper sm.Th

North:

Book 15, pg. 385

South:

8/14/1843

John Mulliken, *mechanic*

from

Thomas Howe

2 story house known as the "Toll House"

North:

Book 14, pg. 545

8/14/1843

Thomas Howe

from

John Mulliken (mortgage)

North:

Book 14, pg. 343

South:

7/1/1839

Thomas Howe

from

Benjamin Chamberlain

North:

Book 14, 345

7/9/1839

Benjamin Chamberlain

from

Thomas Howe, *Trader*

mortgage

North:

Book 13, pg. 254

South:

Book 331, pg. 472

2/1/1834

Joseph Manning

from

Benjamin Chamberlain

(included in a 3 pieces)

1 1/2 A, including store

Middlesex Turnpike Tollhouse
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Notes compiled by
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Waters, pg. 439: Middlesex Turnpike.

In 1803 a committee was appointed by the Town to go to the General Court to oppose all turnpike roads through Chelmsford. The Town wanted a free road from New Hampshire to Boston.

The old Middlesex Turnpike, chartered June 15, 1805, by Samuel Swan, Jr., Perkins Nichols, Royal Makepeace, Ebenezer Bridge, William Whittemore, Jr., and James Abbott, and opened about five years later, took the direct route to the North. It started at Tyngsborough meeting-house and went through Chelmsford, Billerica, Bedford, and Cambridge. The charter was repealed in 1841 and it became a free road in 1846.

The toll house still stands opposite the Town Farm (110 Billerica Rd.) where the turnpike crosses Billerica St. From that point the turnpike lay just south of the present Golden Cove Road and comes out some distance south of the cove,

Jane Drury:

The turnpike then crossed the present location of Rt. 495 and came out between 23 & 25 Buckman Drive, which it crossed, and continued north between 24 & 26 Buckman Drive, on the east side of remnants of an old stone wall. Farther on, a portion of it is in use and known as Old Middlesex Turnpike. It later appears as Tyngsboro Road (Rt. 3A) in North Chelmsford.

Waters, pg. 397:

Near the toll house, which still stands on Golden Cove road, opposite the Town Farm, Abel Hunt of Concord kept a store. A Mr. Larcom and a Mr. Piper were toll-takers here. Before the road was built from Central Square to Golden Cove, in 1829, the travel went around by Billerica street and the Turnpike which crossed Billerica street at the Town Farm, and crossed what is now the Lowell road where the lane is, some distance south of Golden Cove.

Beers Atlas (1875); owner is J.E. Stevens

1831 map.

Lowell Courier-Citizen

July 8, 1914 - The old "Toll House" at the corner of Billerica street and Golden Cove road, now owned by Waldo Hannaford, is undergoing numerous interior and exterior improvements. A bay window, extending across the south end of the house, has been added, and a piazza built along the east end of the house.

Jan. 11, 1916 - Mr. & Mrs. Waldo Hannaford who have faithfully and most satisfactorily filled the positions of superintendent and matron at the town farm for the past nine years, are about to give up their duties and will occupy their home at the corner of Billerica street and Golden Cove road.

June 27, 1916 - A daughter was born on Monday to Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Hannaford at their home in Billerica street.



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