

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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**Town/City:** Chelmsford

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*): West Chelmsford

## Photograph



**Address:** 230 Main Street

**Historic Name:** John and Amanda Kemp House

**Uses:** Present: single-family dwelling

Original: single-family dwelling

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1923

**Source:** Deed and city directory research

**Style/Form:** Cape

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingle/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
none

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Ca. 2000 replacement windows and door

Ca. 1980 side and rear additions

**Condition:** Fair

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

**Acreage:** .32 A

**Setting:** The building is located approximately 20' southeast of Main St and a sidewalk is between the house and road. An asphalt drive is located to the west of the house. The small lot includes several mature trees. The Stony Brook Reservoir is to the south. The surrounding area includes 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> residential development.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Jennifer Burden, Gray & Pape, Inc.

**Organization:** Chelmsford Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): June 2016

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CHELMSFORD

230 MAIN STREET

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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.*

The 1.5-story house has a stone foundation, walls clad in painted wood shingles with wood trim, and an asphalt-shingled side gable roof. An internal brick chimney is located in the front slope of the roof near the center of the ridgeline. Windows throughout the house are a combination of replacement six-over-one, one-over-one, and casement windows. The primary (northwest) façade is four bays wide with two single windows in the east bays and a replacement bay window in the west bay. The main entry is centrally located on the façade and features a replacement door with a historic wood surround that includes fluted pilasters and is topped with dentil molding. A one-bay stoop leads to the entry; the stoop features wood steps and replacement railings. The west wall has a one-story, one-bay wide, two-bay deep projection that appears to be a later addition or an enclosed porch. The east wall has a one-story, two-bay wide addition. A large, one-story addition is also located along the rear of the building. The addition has a hipped roof and is clad in wood shingles. It appears the addition once housed a garage, but the garage opening is currently covered with wood shingles.

The house is an altered example of a mid-twentieth century Cape type building that retains historic integrity of location, setting, and feeling.

## 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.*

Deed research traced the ownership history of the property to before the house was constructed. There was no building on the site throughout the nineteenth century according to map research. The property was owned by the Pollard family from 1842 through 1918; Dawson Pollard also owned the house across the street at 231 Main Street. This property eventually passed to Pollard's grandson Royal Reed, who sold the property in 1918 to Clara Ball. Ball kept the property until 1921 and it does not appear she lived in Chelmsford based upon city directory research. George and Ellen King owned the property for two years from October 1921 through October 1923. They did live in Chelmsford, but by 1925 they relocated to New York. In 1923 they sold the property to Amanda Kemp, who retained it until 1936. City directories from the late 1920s and early 1930s list Amanda (born ca. 1870 in Vermont) and husband John Kemp (born ca. 1877) living in West Chelmsford at these dates. The 1930 US Population Census lists the Kemps on Main Street with John employed as a customs inspector. In 1936 the property was transferred to Wilmot (sometimes listed as William) and Stella Estey. The 1937 directory lists the Estey family living on Main Street; although, no house number is provided. They sold the property that May to Herbert and Esther Nystrom. The Nystroms retained the property for only two years, selling it in 1939 to Raymond and Hazel Barker. The 1940 US Population Census lists the Barkers on Main Street. Raymond (born ca 1894) and son Richard (born ca. 1920) were both listed as working as designers in a textile mill while Hazel (born ca. 1897) had no occupation listed. They sold the house in 1965 and since that date the property was sold four additional times.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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## National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible       Eligible **only** in a historic district
- Contributing to a potential historic district       Potential historic district

Criteria:     **A**     **B**     **C**     **D**

Criteria Considerations:     **A**     **B**     **C**     **D**     **E**     **F**     **G**

### Statement of Significance

The area of West Chelmsford is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places as a locally significant historic district under Criterion A for the development of this area around the Roby Manufacturing Company and Chelmsford Woolen Mills as well as under Criterion C for its intact examples of mid-nineteenth through early twentieth century residential architecture. The boundary of the proposed district would include resources built during the period of significance along Main Street from approximately Loiselle Lane in the north to the Westford Town Line, as well as resources along School Street between Main Street and Graniteville Road. This building at 230 Main Street would be a contributing resource to that district as an example of residential architecture constructed during its period of significance that retains some historic integrity.