

Town Chelmsford

Address 25 - 27 Princeton Street

Name Swett House

Present use 2 family residence

Present owner Clifford & Helen Halligan

Description

Date 1873

Source tax records

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

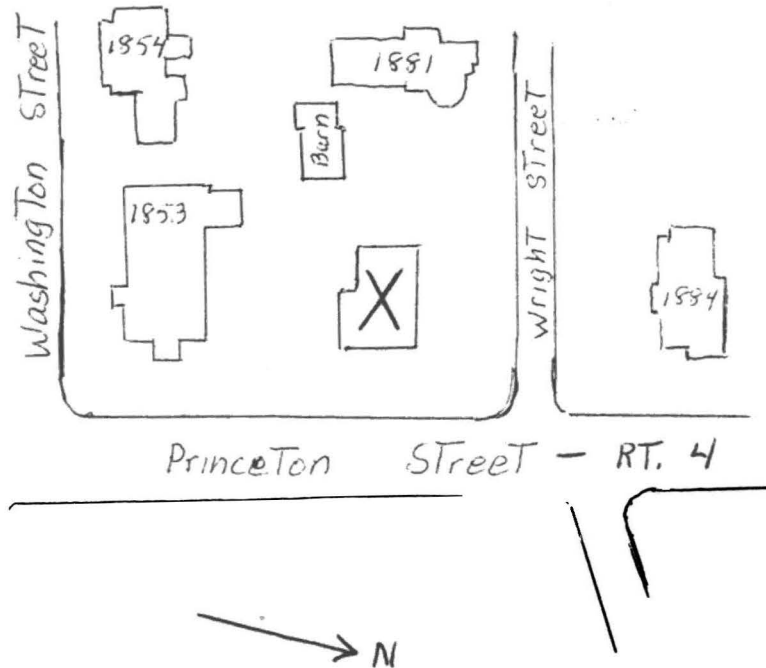
Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features cornerboards: indented pilasters;  
double brackets under eaves

Altered see attached Date 1943, 1951

Moved no Date

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



5. Lot size:  
14,838.27 s.ft.  
One acre or less x Over one acre         
117.10 ft. - Wright St.  
Approximate frontage 125.63 ft. - Princeton St.  
Approximate distance of building from street  
ca 44 ft. - Wright St.  
ca 32 ft. - Princeton St.

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date 3/2/1988

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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Samuel T. Wright

Original use 2 family residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Aboriginal            | Conservation                        | Recreation              |
| Agricultural          | Education                           | Religion                |
| Architectural         | Exploration/<br>settlement          | Science/<br>Invention   |
| The Arts              | Industry                            | Social/<br>humanitarian |
| Commerce              | Military                            | Transportation          |
| Communication         | Political                           |                         |
| Community development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                         |

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

This house was built in 1873 as a two family residence by Samuel T. Wright, a trader who lived elsewhere in North Chelmsford. He was the first owner of several buildings in this area. By 1882 William Draper, a local carriage maker, was leasing a portion of the house prior to moving into his own new house across Wright Street in 1884.

It wasn't until 1890, when George and Ida Swett purchased the house, that owners actually lived in half of it. Mr. Swett was then an iron moulder, probably at the nearby Chelmsford Foundry, but later became a wool sorter in a North Chelmsford mill after the foundry went out of business. Although Mr. Swett died in 1921, his widow remained in the house until her own death on Christmas Day, 1942. Owners have continued to live in part of the house ever since.

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

Middlesex No. Dist. Reg. Deeds: Bk. 73, pg. 521 (1869)  
 Chelmsford Tax/Real Estate Valuation Records  
 1875 Beers Atlas; 1889 Walker's Atlas  
 Chelmsford Street Directories 1898-1922; List of Men & Women 1948-51  
 Vital Records (Town Clerk's Office); Revaluation Records (Assessors' Office)  
 Mrs. Paul Westwood, March 30, 1988

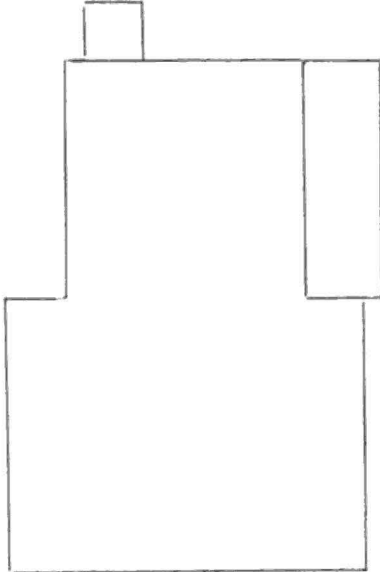
INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

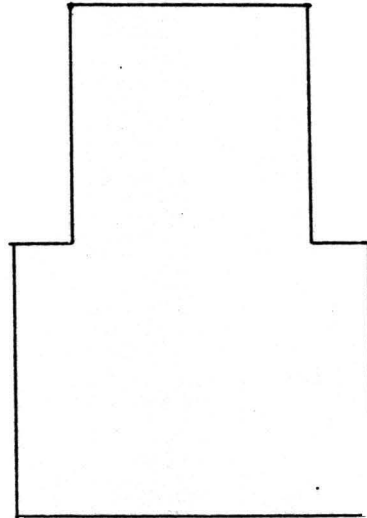
Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 131
Property Name: Swett House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Cellar entrance  
Added: date unknown



Open Frame Porch  
added 1943



Revaluation Record  
11/9/1970

1875 Beers Atlas  
1889 Walker's Atlas

2nd floor of ell added <sup>ca</sup> 1948 (was attic - 1 1/2 story)



VIEW ON CENTRE ST., NO. CHELMSFORD, MASS.

1900-1906

Published by John S. Hall, No. Chelmsford.

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Bk. 1299, pg. 196	6/30/1955	Paul F. & Claire E. Westwood to Clifford H. & Helen F. Halligan, Lowell 14,838.27 sq. ft. & buildings thereon
Bk. 1000, pg. 569	12/04/1943	Estate of Ida F. Swett to Paul F. & Claire E. Westwood \$1400 14,838.27 sq. ft. & buildings thereon
Middlesex Probate Docket #248459	1943	Estate of Ida F. Swett
Bk. 215, pg. 156	5/13/1890	Elizabeth G. Bass, Lowell, to Ida F. Swett \$2500 & \$600 mortgage land & buildings thereon subject: lease to William L. Draper
Bk. 158, pg. 584	3/06/1883	Shadrach R. Brackett, Tewksbury, to Elizabeth G. Bass, Lowell \$4000 & 2 mortgages: \$1500 & \$500 land & buildings thereon subject: lease to Wm. L. Draper
Bk. 158, pg. 79	2/17/1883	Samuel N. Harris, Lowell, to Shadrach R. Brackett, Tewksbury \$4000 & \$1500 mortgage land & buildings thereon subject: lease to W.L. Draper
Bk. 157, pg. 288	12/30/1882	Shadrach R. Brackett, Tewksbury, to Samuel N. Harris, Lowell \$4500 & \$1500 mortgage land & buildings thereon subject: lease to Wm. L. Draper
Bk. 157, pg. 61	12/18/1882	Samuel T. Wright to Shadrach R. Brackett, Tewksbury \$3500
Bk. 73, pg. 521	12/01/1869	Thomas J. Adams to Samuel T. Wright \$500 land



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