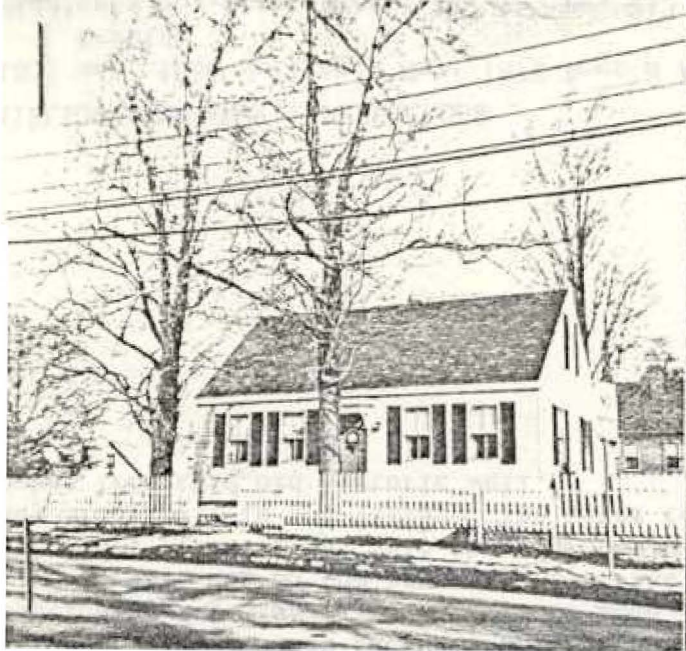
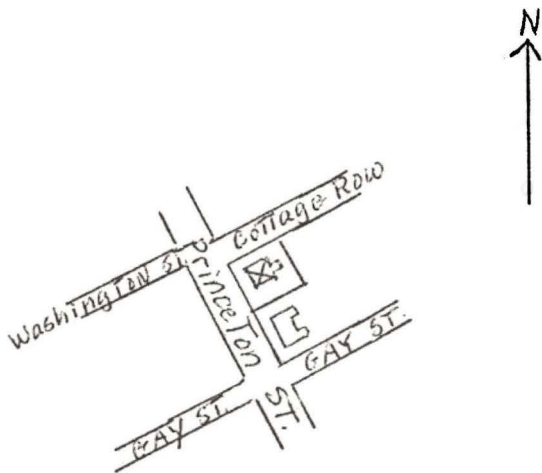


Area North Chelmsford	Form no. 126
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



Town Chelmsford
 Address 38 Princeton Street
 Historic Name Kennon House
 Use: Original residence
 Present residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner probably Lincoln Drake

DESCRIPTION

Date after 1831; before 1842
 Sources deeds, tax lists, 1831 map
 Style cape
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric siding
 Outbuildings none
 Major alterations (with dates)
see attached sheet
 Moved no Date _____
 Approx. acreage 5617 sq. feet

Recorded by Jane B. Drury
 Organization Chelmsford Historical Commission
 Date February 10, 1985

Setting In densely built residential area mostly for 18th Century employees of nearby factories. Except for the replacement of 2 school buildings on opposite side of Princeton St. with modern firehouse, neighborhood has had few changes since 1900.

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

Simple Cape Cod style "blue collar" worker's home typical of several others built in this North Chelmsford neighborhood during the 1830 - 1840s.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The earliest known owner of this dwelling was Lincoln Drake, head of the iron foundries in Chelmsford and Easton. It was probably built as a worker's home. In 1843 it was sold to Seth Williams, a co-partner in Williams, Bird & Co., successor to Lincoln Drake at the foundry. However, Seth Williams sold it six months later to Ephraim Kennon, a machinist.

Ephraim & Thankful Kennon (Cannon/Canon) had at least three grown children when they purchased the house. Willard M. had married the previous year, and he became a partner in Gay, Silver & Co. This firm was one of the first, if not the very first, in America to manufacture yarn machinery. Emeline never married but remained in the house 20 years after her parents' deaths, supporting herself as a tailoress. In 1893 her heirs sold it out of the family, ending almost 50 years of Kennon ownership. Occupations of later owners included that of a section hand, chauffeur, clerk, and carpenter, continuing its history as a worker's home.

A well dug on the property about the time the house was erected was still in use in 1900, when it was said that "probably more families take water from this well than any other well in the village. The water for public schools (across the street) is also taken from this old historic well."

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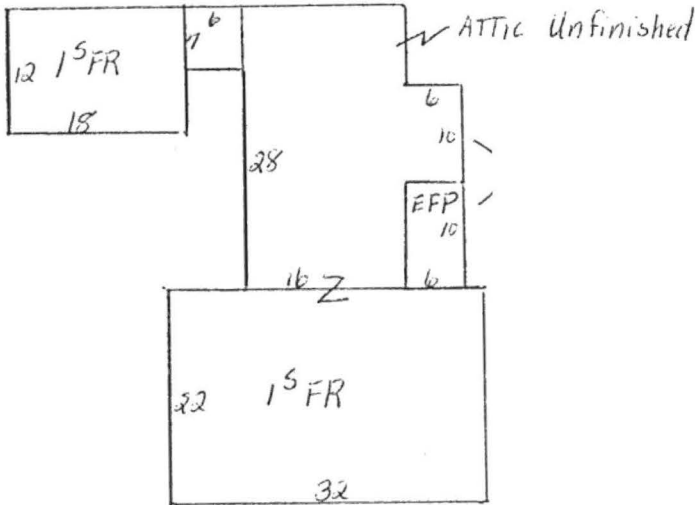
INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 125
Property Name: Kennon House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below

*Relatively modern garage
addition, since 1893*



Revaluation Sheet
10/8/1970



1889 Walker's Atlas
1875 Beer's Atlas

1965
kitchen & diningroom panelled
new kitchen cabinets with sink

Before 1970 - siding

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

38 Princeton Street
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

1604, pg. 355	6/13/1963	Charles & Marie E. Rioux to Francis L. Jr. & Patricia A. Ralls 5617 s.f. & buildings: northeasterly side & southeasterly side Cottage Row
Bk. 1104, pg. 258	11/08/1948	Edward Jr. & Columbia Murphy to Charles & Marie E. Rioux, Westford 5617 s.f. & buildings: northeasterly side & southeasterly side Cottage Row
Bk. 1025, pg. 522	8/06/1945	Edith E. Morse to Edward Jr. & Columbia Murphy, Lowell 5617 s.f. & buildings: northeasterly side & southeasterly side Cottage ow
Bk. 1027, pg. 323	8/06/1945	Margaret Yates, unmarried, to Edith E. Morse 5617 s.f. land: northeasterly side Princeton St. & southeasterly side Cottage Row John Ditchfield now deceased
Bk. 929, pg. 184	5/31/1939	Claire F. Tuttle, Lowell, unmarried, to John Ditchfield & Margaret Yates 1. 1200 s.f. land: southeasterly side Cottage Row 2. 4417 s.f. & buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row
929, pg. 183	5/31/1939	John Ditchfield, unmarried, to Claire F. Tuttle, Lowell 1. 1200 s.f. land: southeasterly side Cottage Row 2. 4417 s.f. & buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row
Bk. 763, pg. 30	5/19/1928	John E. Hornbrook to John & Ellen Ditchfield 4417 s.f. & buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row
742, pg. 269	9/30/1926	Isabell Young, unmarried, to John E. Hornbrook 4417 s.f. & buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row
Bk. 603, pg. 443	7/08/1919	Raymond L. Avery, Lowell, to Isabell Young 4417 s.f. & buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row
Bk. 580, pg. 269	11/13/1917	Ella M. Church, Lowell, to Raymond L. Avery 4417 s.f. & buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row

580, pg. 268	11/13/1917	John G. Cummings to Ella M. Church, wife of Frederic C. Church Lowell 4417 s.f. & buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row
Bk. 577, pg. 60	7/28/1917	Christopher F. Clausen (Chris Clausen) to John G. Cummings 4417 s.f. & buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row
249, pg. 475	8/08/1893	Willard M. Kennan, Fitchburg; Sarah E. Soule, East Middleboro, to Chris Clausen \$1550 4417 s.f. & buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row
Middlesex Probate # 32270	1892 Administration	Estate of Emeline A. Kennan
Middlesex Probate #6064	1873 Administration	Estate of Ephraim Kennan
North: B. 15, p.304	6/17/1844	Seth Williams, Jr. Manchester, N.H., Gentleman, to Ephraim Kennon, Gentleman \$85 4417 s.f. & buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row
North: B. 15, p.213 South: B.425, p. 76	1/17/1843	Lincoln Drake, Easton, Gentleman, to Seth Williams, Jr., Gentleman \$750 4417 s.f.& buildings: junction Middlesex Turnpike & Cottage Row



COTTAGE ROW ST



38 Princeton Street

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