

FORM B – BUILDING

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 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town Chelmsford
 Place (neighborhood or village)

South Chelmsford

Address 192 Robin Hill Road

Historic Name Orrin J. Spaulding House

Uses: Present residence - 1 family

Original residence - 1 family

Date of Construction 1879-80

Source Lowell Daily Courier, Oct. 1, 1879
 Tax/real estate valuation records

Style/Form

Architect/Builder Orrin J. Spaulding, 1st owner

Exterior Material:

Foundation cut granite blocks

Wall/Trim vinyl siding

Roof ridge: front to back

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none. The barn is attached to the house

Major Alterations (with dates)

none since 1974, except vinyl siding 1987 or 88.

shed: 1882 or 1883

barn: 1885; unfinished May 1 that year

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

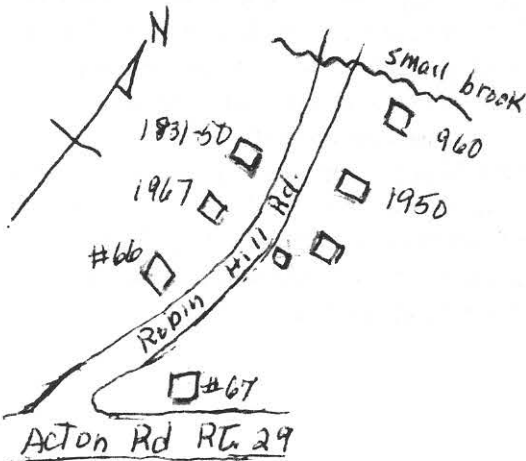
Acres 12,800 sq. ft.

Setting This house is located in the outskirts of a rural village, on an old road. A wooded area is behind and to the right (south) of the house. The Match Factory monument stands on the right side of the driveway, which leads up to the right side of the house.



Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



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Organization for Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date (month / year) December 2005

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

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

A Victorian is located above the front entrance. Plain cornerboards are at each corner of the main house. A pair of dormers project from the roof on the right side.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

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.

This house stands on the site of the old Byam match factory, and a monument commemorating the site has been erected on the opposite side of the driveway from the house.

Orrin J. Spaulding was a son of Isaiah B. Spaulding and grew up at 187 Robin Hill Road, across the street from this dwelling at 192 Robin Hill Road. He and Helen Mansfield, a neighbor who lived on the same road, married in 1876. In late September 1879 Orrin "broke ground for a fine house and is now laying the walls," having purchased the land from a neighbor earlier that same year. He was a carpenter and probably built much of the house himself. In 1883 the Chelmsford Eagle reported that he was occupying the farm of the late Deacon Isaiah Spaulding, his grandfather, at 263 Old Westford Street. They never had any children but did live at 192 Robin Hill Road for the rest of their lives. In 1905 she was "seriously ill" but soon "became more comfortable." She had not been in good health for several years. On January 3, 1914 she died as a result of diabetes. Orrin's sister L. Rosamond moved in to become his housekeeper and remained there until he had a heart attack and died in April 1916 at age 65.

The property was sold by Orrin's estate to Rosamond and Ellen, their oldest sister, who was then living in Boston. Rosamond resided here until her own death in 1923, aged 71. She too had a fatal heart attack. Their younger sister, Martha Bean, moved in with her husband, Fred E. Bean. Fred was a resident of Lowell in 1875, when he and Martha married, and they made their home in that city and were still in Lowell in 1895. He had a heart attack and died in 1921 in the presence of his wife, and she apparently died not long afterwards. Members of the Bean family lived in the house a few years, and then it was apparently rented out. The ownership of the Spaulding/Bean family was ended in 1944, when Flora B. Belleville purchased the property.

Flora Belleville and her family moved in from Turnpike Rd. at that time. Her husband, Walter, was a farmer, and they had two sons, Walter jr. & William, serving in the Army. Their daughter-in-law Margaret became a nurse; she was Walter's wife. Flora had a heart attack and died in 1965. Walter died in 1973, and they are buried in Heart Pond Burying Ground with a third son, James, who had died in 1971. William jr., who had become paving contractor after leaving the Army, moved into the house with his wife Carol and their children. In 2005 Carol is still living here with her daughters Cheryl and Amanda.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Middlesex No. District Registry of Deeds, Bk.135, pg. 95 7/24/1879

Assessors' records

Lowell Daily Courier, Oct.1, 1879; March 21, 1905

Chelmsford Eagle: 1883

Chelmsford vital records; tax/real estate valuation records

Chelmsford street directories

Mrs. Linda Belleville Decker: Oct. 3, 2005

Mrs. Carol Belleville: Nov. 3, 2005

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

192 Robin Hill Road
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Book 1706, pg. 115	7/14/1965	Flora B. Belleville to Walter B. Belleville, husband 45 sq. rods & buildings thereon
Book 1012, pg. 552	7/ 7/1944	Florilah Bean, Boston, to Flora B. Belleville 45 sq. rods & buildings thereon
Book 565, pg. 273	10/ 3/1916	Est. Orrin J. Spaulding to Ellen Spaulding, Boston, & L. Rosamond Spaulding 45 sq. rods
Book 138, pg. 107	1/24/1880 Mortgage	Orin J. Spaulding to Eldad P. Bean \$600 45 sq. rods & buildings thereon
	Discharge: 5/ 5/1881	
Book 135, pg. 95	7/24/1879	Eldad P. Bean to Orin J. Spaulding \$185 45 sq. rods land

Maps

1831 *no*
1856 I. B. Spaulding
1875 I. B. Spaulding
1889 I.B. Spaulding

Newspapers

Lowell Daily Courier

October 1, 1879 South Chelmsford

Orrin Spaulding has broken ground for a fine house and is now laying the cellar walls.

Chelmsford Eagle: Dec. 15, 1883

Mr. Orrin J. Spaulding occupies the farm of the late Dea. Isaiah Spaulding, his grandfather, who died at the age of 89 years and 8 months, in the same room in which he was born. The "Grandfather's Clock" (of the pattern which is "too tall for the shelf") stood 50 years on the floor, having been placed in the room several months previous to his birth. We believe, however, it failed "to stop short when the old man died."

Lowell Daily Courier

Thursday, March 14, 1895 South Chelmsford

Mr. Fred Bean and family of Lowell spent Sunday with Mr. I. B. Spaulding

Lowell Daily Courier

Tuesday, March 21, 1905 South Chelmsford

Mrs. Orrin Spaulding was taken seriously ill last week Monday, but at the time of writing is considered more comfortable. Mrs. Spaulding has not been in good health for several years, but her many friends hope to see her around again soon.

Mrs. Linda Belleville Decker, 5 Barton Hill Rd, Oct. 3, 2005

daughter of William jr. & Margaret

foundation: cut granite

condition: she would say excellent for its age

outbuildings: none. The barn is attached to the house

Margaret Laurensen Belleville was William Sr's daughter-in-law She was a nurse

William jr. married Carol, who is now in the house

Mrs. Carol Belleville, 182 Robin Hill Rd., , Nov. 3, 2005

is part owner of house

divorced, but keeps Belleville name because of children

house is on foundation of old match factory

lived here for 31 years.

only change: vinyl siding put on by William E. Belleville, Sr., 1988 or 1987 not long before he died

[JBD - he died Dec. 3, 1988]

she would like a copy of finished inventory

Jane Drury, Nov. 3, 2005

foundation of main house: granite blocks





