

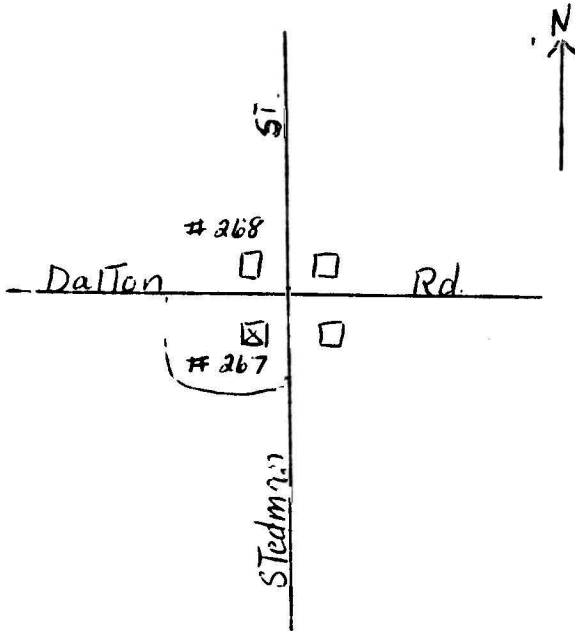
**FORM B - BUILDING**

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	267



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



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

1 Town Chelmsford  
 Address 34 Stedman Street  
 Name Butters House  
 Present use residence - 1 family  
 Present owner Jack & Judith Luskin

3. Description  
 Date 1895  
 Source real estate/tax records  
 Style Queen Anne  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exterior wall fabric butted clapboard  
 Outbuildings (describe) none  
 Other features drop ornaments, spindled posts, ornamental woodwork under eaves & above windows  
 Altered see attached Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 17,170 sq. ft.  
 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 138.5ft - Stedman St.  
150 ft. - Dalton Rd.  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
ca 21 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury  
 Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission  
 Date 1/11/1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Stella J. Butters

Original use residence

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

Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation
Communication	_____	Political	_____	
Community development	<u>  x  </u>			

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

In 1895 Mrs. Frederic A. (Stella J.) Butters purchased the land from her father, Edwin L. Stearns, and the house was constructed that same year. The Stearns family were the first owners of several houses in the Stedman St./Dalton Rd. area, including her father's homestead across the street at 164 Dalton Rd. (#268).

At the time the house at 34 Stedman Street was built, Fred was a mill operative, but by the time of his wife's death in 1916 he was a carpenter. Ownership of the property passed to Stella's brothers and sisters but Fred was given life tenancy. However, following a very brief second marriage which ended in divorce, Fred boarded with his brother-in-law Ralph Stearns, also on Stedman St.

The house remained under Stearns ownership until 1943.

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

Chelmsford town records: town clerk (deaths, marriages); assessors (real estate/tax; revaluation cards)

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds: Bk. 267, pg. 213 (1895)

Middlesex County Probate: Docket #109467 (1916)

Chelmsford Directory: 1898/99, 1915/16, 1917/18, 1919, 1922

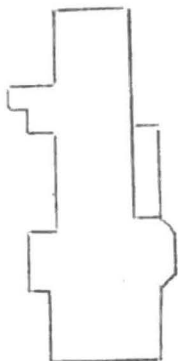
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Property Name: Butters House	

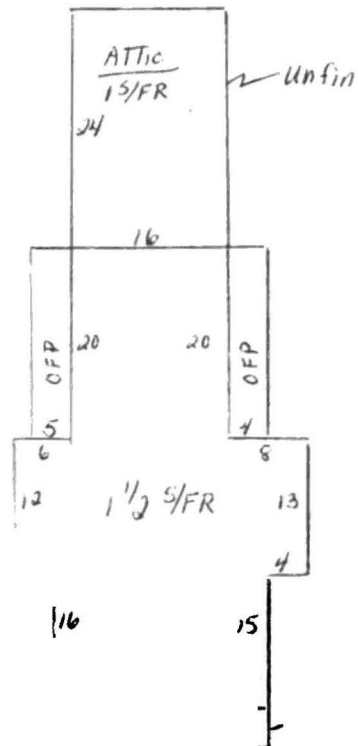
Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below  
3. Alterations

Plan Bk. M, Plan 139.  
1924  
Scale: 1"=40'

1971 Revaluation Card  
Scale: 1"=20'



DALTON RD.



STEDMAN ST.

1979 - rear area finished off inside

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

34 Stedman Street  
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

2326, pg. 489	8/19/1978	Jack & Judith Luskin to Jack & Judith Luskin, 34 Stedman St. 17,170 sq. feet
2307, pg. 193	6/ 9/1978	Robert V. Jr. & Ruth Marie Hamilton to Jack & Judith Luskin \$56,950 17,170 sq. feet
2032, pg. 139	9/27/1972	Laura I. Gallagher to Robert V., Jr. & Ruth Marie Hamilton, 34 Stedman St. \$27,990 17,170 sq. feet
1117, pg. 435	6/11/1949 Release Deed	Laura E. Morse, widow, to Thomas W. & Laura I. Gallagher 17,170 sq. feet
1117, pg. 436	6/ 8/1949 Confirmatory Deed	Edwin L. & Marion E. Stearns to Thomas W. & Laura I. Gallagher 17,170 sq. feet
1039, pg. 305	3/22/1946	Edwin L. & Marion E. Stearns to Thomas W. & Laura I. Gallagher 17,170 sq. feet Grantees: will tear down garage within 30 days
995, pg. 274	8/18/1943	Mary Sheedy, Lowell, to Edwin L. & Marion E. Stearns 6 lots - deeded from Edwin L. Stearns 2 lots - deeded from Marion E. Stearns
995, pg. 273	8/18/1943	Marion E. Stearns to Mary Sheedy, Lowell 2 lots: 1. land - west side of Stedman St. 2. land - south side of Dalton Rd, west side of Stedman St.
918, pg. 577	9/10/1938	Nettie I. Waite to Marion E. Stearns $\frac{1}{2}$ part - 2 acres land
844, pg. 28	4/25/1934	James P. Cassidy & Florence E. Grant Trustees to Marion E. Stearns & Nettie I. Waite \$3500 2 acres & buildings thereon

842, pg. 597	2/12/1934	Ralph H. & Edwin L. Stearns; Alice M. Stearns, Billerica; Lester J. Stearns So. Lyndeboro, N.H. to James P. Cassidy & Florence E. Grant, Trustees 2 acres & buildings thereon
Docket #109467	1916	Estate of Stella J. Butters to Ralph H., Edwin L., Alice M., Lester J. Stearns 2 acres & buildings thereon life tenancy - Fred A. Butters
267, pg. 213	7/16/1895	Edwin L. & James F. Stearns to Stella J. Butters 2 acres & buildings thereon
147, pg. 347	6/22/1881	Josiah R. Fletcher to Edwin L. & James F. Stearns \$500 2 lots woodland: 1. 12 acres - south & west side of roads 2. 7½ acres - east side of road





