

FORM B - BUILDING

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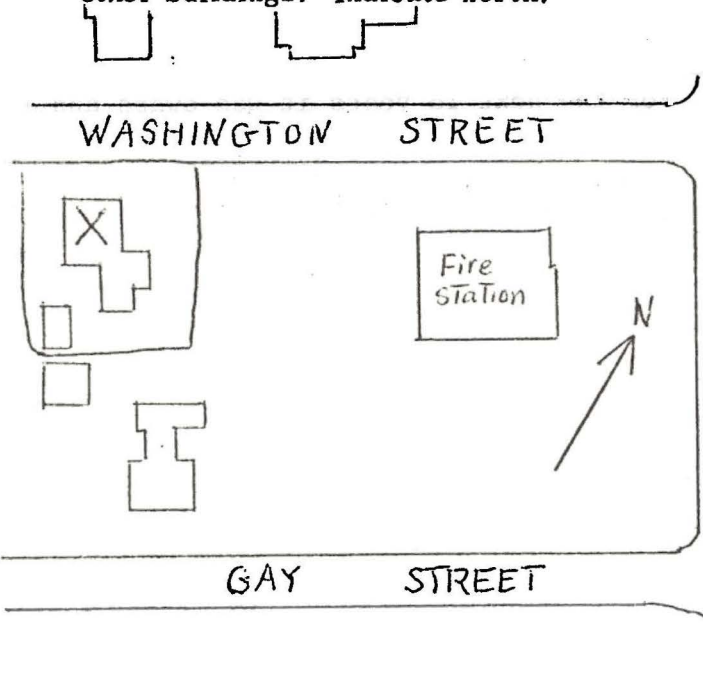
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



1. Town Chelmsford  
 Address 16 Washington Street  
 Name GEORGE W. Whidden House  
 Present use 1 family residence  
 Present owner David & Helen Sponseller

3. Description:  
 Date 1876  
 Source deeds, tax records  
 Style \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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



Exterior wall fabric wide asbestos siding  
 Outbuildings (describe) 1 car garage? rt. rear  
 Other features some cellar hewn beams;  
stained glass window: left side, between  
first & second floors  
 Altered ell door removed Date 1983  
porch added Date early 20th Cen  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 7468,56 s.f.  
 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 82.80 feet  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
ca 22 feet

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

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury  
 Organization Chelmsford Historical Commission  
 Date January 7, 1985

(over)

7 Original owner (if known) Samuel T. Wright

Original use residence - rental

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

8. 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)

Although two small buildings appear on the property shown on the 1875 Beers Atlas, they apparently were sheds, one of which was torn down when the house was built during the latter part of 1876. As a real estate agent, Samuel T. Wright built, bought, and sold several residences in this area of North Chelmsford, but it is doubtful he ever lived at 16 Washington Street.

After Mr. Wright sold the house in 1880, it continued to be rented, until purchased in 1891 by Mr. & Mrs. George W. Whidden, a foreman for the Boston Ice Company houses. The Whiddens remained here until 1920. For the next 18 years it was owned and occupied by the Matuk/Paskiewicz family. Mike Matuk was a mill operative, a common occupation of North Chelmsford men. His youngest son, Eddie, was badly crippled from arthritis and from an accident obtained while playing on the Chelmsford High School football team.

10. Bibliography, and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)
- 1875 Beers Atlas; 1889 Walker map; 1893 No. Chelmsford drawing, by Geo. E. Norris, Brockton; 1976 Aerial map
  - Middlesex No. Dist. Reg. Deeds, Bk. 141, pg. 295 (1880).
  - Chelmsford Street Directories: 1898/99, 1915/16, 1917, 1919, 1922
  - Chelmsford Tax/Real Estate Valuation records, vital records, Register of Voters list, Building Inspector's records, Assessors' records
  - Mrs. Mildred Wahlgren, Mr. Sewall Bowers, Mr. David Sponseller, Mr. William Edge

16 Washington Street

Bk. 2495, pg. 432	8/14/1981	Richard R. Geoffroy & John W. Dionne to D. R. & Helen E. Sponseller, 16 Washington St. \$57,000 7468.56 s.f. & buildings - southeasterly side of Washington St.
Bk. 2469, pg. 159	3/17/1981	Robert E. Lamb, Billerica, & Judith L. Lamb to Richard R. Geoffroy, 65 Surrey Lane, Lowell; & John W. Dionne, 25 Windsor St. \$32,000 7468.56 s.f. & buildings - southeasterly side of Washington St.
Bk. 1886, pg. 701	5/30/1939	Josephine Paskiewicz, unmarried, to Robert E. & Judith L. Lamb, 16 Washington St. 7468.56 s.f. & buildings - southeasterly side of Washington St.
Bk. 643, pg. 324	4/18/1921	Effie M. Perkins Foye to Josephine Matuk 7468.56 s.f. & buildings - southeasterly side of Washington St.
Bk. 636, pg. 38	10/08/1920	Catharine M. Whidden to Effie M. Perkins Foye, Lowell 7468.56 s.f. & buildings - Washington St.
Bk. 229, pg. 407	11/17/1891	Augustus F. Whidden, Lowell, to Catharine M. Whidden, Lowell \$2000 7468.56 s.f. & buildings - Washington St.
Bk. 221, pg. 589	5/26/1890	John Caldwell, Minneapolis, Minn., to Augustus F. Whidden $\frac{1}{2}$ part 7468.56 s.f. & buildings - Washington St.
Bk. 221, pg. 587	5/22/1890	Estate of Samuel C. Eaton, Lowell, to Augustus F. Whidden, Lowell \$1600 & \$1500 mortgage 7468.56 & buildings - Washington St.
Bk. 221, pg. 588	5/22/1890	Nancy E. Eaton, widow, to Augustus F. Whidden \$1
Bk. 147, pg. 476	8/20/1881	Charles S. Eaton, Melrose, to Samuel C. Eaton, Lowell; & John Caldwell, Lowell \$2500 & \$1500 mortgage 7468.56 & buildings - Washington St.
Bk. 141, pg. 295	9/06/1880	Samuel T. Wright to Charles S. Eaton, Lowell \$2500 7468.56 s.f. & buildings - Washington St.

Bk. 72, pg. 410	11/20/1869	Alonzo A. Davis, carpenter, to Samuel T. Wright, yeoman \$3000 2 parcels: 1. Washington St. - abutting town house lot 2. opposite side of Washington St. - abutting school house lot
Bk. 27, pg. 69	-/ -/1861	Benjamin & Thomas J. Adams, yeomen, to Alonzo A. Davis, carpenter \$100 land - abutting school house lot





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