

FORM B - BUILDING SURVEY

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

1. Is this building historically significant to:
Town Commonwealth Nation

Building has historical connection with the following themes: (see also reverse side)

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| Scholar | Commerce/industry |
| Agriculture | Science/invention |
| Art/Sculpture | Travel/communication |
| Education | Military Affairs |
| Government | Religion/philosophy |
| Literature | Indians |
| Music | Other |

Development of town/city

Architectural reason for inventorying:

see attached sheet

OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material granite blocks

WALL COVER: Wood clapboard Brick Stone Other

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 +1-side ell (Center) End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed right side of house. Ell in back

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 PORTICO Balcony

FACADE: Gable end: Front side Ornament

Entrance: Side Front: Center Side Details: pedimented with dentils; pilasters each side of door

Windows: Spacing: Regular Irregular Identical Varied 5 Bay X 2 Bay. 2 over 1 panes

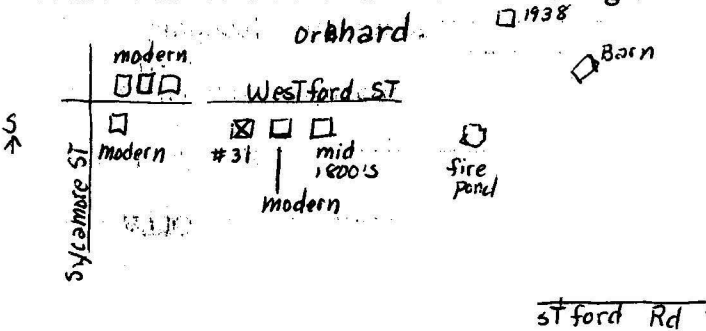
Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings

6. Footage of structure from street 23 feet
Property has 250 feet frontage on street

Recorder Jane B. Drury

For Chilmsford Historical Commission



SEE REVERSE SIDE

Stford Rd

RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

1. Outbuildings _____

2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal
Predominant features _____
Landscape architect _____

3. Neighboring Structures .
- Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.
Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern mid 1800's, ca 1900, ~~ca 1900~~
Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

Although this house was built by Joseph Spaulding (b. Oct. 22, 1673, son of John & Hannah; d. March 12, 1728), it is now known by the name of its 1875 owner, Benjamin Spaulding. This distinguishes it from a house built nearby by another Joseph Spaulding (Survey # 35) at the time of the Rev. War. In the early days of Chelmsford most of the land in this section of town was owned by Spauldings, including the early Edward Spaulding House (#32) and the Isaiah Spaulding House (#33). The Spaulding family was very influential in town development and government (selectmen, soldiers, farmers, etc).

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

- 1831 Series map
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- Chelmsford Newsweekly (1955)
- 1955 Apex House Pamphlet - Chelmsford Tercentenary Celebration
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- Chelmsford Vital Records to 1850 (Essex Institute 1914)

RESTRICTIONS _____

Original Owner: Joseph Spaulding
Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____ Registry of Deeds

Architectural Reason for inventorying:

Built about 1690 by Joseph Spaulding and presumably expanded by his descendant, Deacon Ephraim Spaulding, in pre-Revolutionary times, this house has a central chimney which rests on a fourteen-foot stone archway, "Indian shutters" in the two earliest rooms, and steep, narrow stairs. In recent years the original panelling, wide-board floors, and hand-hewn ceiling and wall beams have been uncovered in many of the rooms; one of the bake ovens and all eight fireplaces have been re-opened for use; and the house has been redecorated with period wallpaper designs. The fireplaces in two of the upstairs chambers are faced with antique Delft tiles.

Contributions of the Lowell Historical Society, Vol. 1

"Boyhood Reminiscences of Middlesex Village"

By Hon. Samuel P. Hadley. Read in 3 parts:

Feb. 8, 1905, May 10, 1905, Feb. 9, 1910

Pg. 264 "I especially remember Mr. Benjamin Spaulding, of Chelmsford or Westford, a lay preacher, as very active in this work (Millerites). He held a number of meetings in the schoolhouse in Middlesex Village, which were largely attended by the villagers more for curiosity, I fear, than from any other reason, for I do not remember that he made any converts."

(Millerites preached that the world would end in 1843.)

Benjamin Spaulding House
219 Westford Street

Information from the Chelmsford Assessor's Office
Compiled by Jane Drury 7/23/73

1972 owner: Eliot W. & Louise L. Remick. House & garage. 4.84 acres.

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds:

Book 1808, pg. 265	8/11/67	Eliot W. Remick to Eliot W. Remick & Louise L. Remick. 4.84 acres
Book 1375, pg. 35	7/ 1/57	Eliot W. Remick to Harry M. & Eugenia Bacon 1 acre
Book 1258, pg. 24	6/11/54	Arnold E. & Katherine F. Grade to Eliot W. & Marggret T. Remick 5.84 acres (39,500 sq. feet)
Book 1205, pg. 531	9/22/52	Arthur V. & Dorothy M. Boyce to Arnold E. & Katherine F. Grade 39,500 sq. feet
Book 1046, pg. 586	6/26/46	Alice C. & Jeremiah D. Ryan to Arthur V. & Dorothy M. Boyce 39,500 sq. feet

White Cards (WPA Project):

Book 1046, pg. 586 6/26/46 Ryan to Boyce. Land and buildings. Reg. at a pt. at the SWerly of the premises & Nly by a wall alg now or frly of Patrick Flynn 195 ft. th. at a right angle Ely by another wall alg other ld. of Patrick Flynn 20 ft Ely alg ld of Ulysses J. & Eugenia M. Lupien 130 ft. th. Sly alg sd Lupien ld 200 ft to sd Westford St. th Wly alg sd Westford St. 200 ft to the pt of beg.
From Ulysses J. Lupien et ux grantor by deed Sept. 12, 1945
Book 1029, Pg. 535.

Book 1333, pg. 403 4/24/56 Consideration less than \$100. Ulysses J. Lupien to Albert J. Lupien et ux Evelyn F. et al. Tenants by entirety. Acres 75,765 ±
Right of premises conveyed by Emil J. DesRoches to Ulysses J. Lupien & Eugenia M. Lupien Sept. 11, 1940; Book 951, Pg. 268.



B. J. Spaulding and Family Taken
Dec 19, 1898 on their Golden
wedding anniversary:

Sadie Francis J.
Benjamin J. Mary Ann

Mrs Spaulding died Sep 1, 1902

Lowell Courier-Citizen

March 12, 1911 - Earl Vickery, living on the West Chelmsford road, badly crushed the thumb on his left hand with an axe, while chopping wood on Friday. Dr. Scoboria who dressed it, found it necessary to remove the injured member at the first joint.

Aug. 4, 1912 - A strange dog that acted in a peculiar manner and showed a disposition to bite at every opportunity, was killed by Walter Vickery on Thursday at his home on the Westford street.

Mr. Vickery was at work in the field when he discovered the dog running in a line for him. A cat that was in its path was seized by the tail, but the grip failed to hold and without stopping, the dog made straight for the barn with Mr. Vickery in close pursuit. They arrived at the barn together and just as the dog was in the act of biting a calf, Mr. Vickery dealt it a vicious blow with a potato digger he was carrying, felling the animal and breaking a tooth out of the implement. One more stroke and the handle of the hoe broke in two pieces but the dog was "hors de combat". In place of a collar the dog had a shoe string tied about its neck. It was learned later that previous to its visit to the Vickery farm the dog had run into the barn at Ervin Blaisdell's, where it killed a hen.

Oct. 28, 1913 - Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Vickery are to entertain their friends on Tuesday evening, Nov. 4, in observance of the 25th anniversary of their wedding. Both have been active members of the Chelmsford Grange for a number of years, even before removing from Lowell to Chelmsford, and for the convenience of their guests, an auto truck will start from Old Fellows hall at 7:30 and 8 o'clock, to carry them to their home on the West Chelmsford road.

Nov. 5, 1913 - Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Vickery observed their 25th wedding anniversary at their home in Westford street on Tuesday evening.....

Mrs. Vickery, whose maiden name was Hattie Clarke, was born in Henniker, New Hampshire, where, until her marriage she taught the district school. Mr. Vickery's native town was Antrim, New Hampshire. After their marriage they lived in Boston, coming to Lowell in 1903 and removing to Chelmsford in 1910, where they have since made their home.

April 7, 1914 - Hen thieves paid a visit at W.E. Vickery's on the West Chelmsford road Monday evening and were successful in getting away with nearly all the hens he owned.



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