

FORM B - STRUCTURE SURVEY
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

1. Is this structure historically significant to:
Town _____ Commonwealth _____ Nation _____

• Structure has historical connection with the following themes: (See also reverse side)

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| Agriculture | Commerce/Industry |
| Architecture | Science/Invention |
| Art/Sculpture | Travel/Communication |
| Education | Military Affairs |
| Government | Religion/Philosophy |
| Literature | Indians |
| Music | Development of Town/City |

2. Town Chelmsford

Street 243 Westford

Name Spalding House (Edward)

Original Use Home

Present Use Home

Present Owner Arthur & Esther Spalding

Date 1664 Style Colonial

Source of Date Chelmsford Historical

Architect Unknown Shipwright

3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Excellent

IMPORTANCE of site to area: Great Little None SITE endangered by _____

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material: Stone, Regular

WALL COVER: Wood Shingles Brick Stone Other _____

STORIES: 1(2 1/2) 4 CHIMNEYS: 1(2) 3 4 Center End Cluster Elaborate Irregular

ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed Dependency Shed (Now Garage) Simple/Complex

PORCHES: (1) 2 3 4 Portico Balcony _____ Recessed _____

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

FACADE: Gable End: Front/Side Symmetrical/Asymmetrical Simple/Complex Ornament

Entrance: Front/Side Centered Double Features: Centered

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied Regular

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Obscured Plain

OUTBUILDINGS One Garden House LANDSCAPING Evergreens and Maples

5. Indicate location of structure on map below

6. Footage of structure from street 25
Property has 200 feet frontage on street

Recorder Esther Spalding

For _____

Photo

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NOTE: Recorder should obtain written permission from Commission or sponsoring organization before using this form. (See Reverse Side)

FOR USE WITH IMPORTANT STRUCTURES (Indicate any interior features of note)

Fireplace One of eight left in home
Base of Original Fireplace in basement
Stairway One
Other Exposed Beams (each one is marked for construction purposes).

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

This building is a good example of seventeenth century architecture (1664). Edward Spaulding built this home and the other Spaulding homes in this area were built for his descendants so that one can come to the conclusion that this is the original Spaulding house. We are periodically visited by Spauldings and Spaldings from all over the United States who are interested in their American Heritage.

Due to the fact that the house sets so close to the road and the road curves so sharply around the home, we feel that the whole setting could be in jeopardy if this curve were ever eliminated. If proper road planning were followed, the setting could be improved.

REFERENCE (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

Perham-Waters History
Wilkes Allen History
1857 Series map
1793 Series map

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Original Owner: Edward Spaulding
INDEX INFORMATION: BOOK NUMBER _____ PAGE _____, _____ DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Spaulding / Reed House
243 Westford St.

Information from the Chelmsford Assessor's Office
Compiled by Jane Drury 3/16/73

Northern Middlesex District Records:

Book 2018, pg. 159	7/ 7/72	Arthur & Esther Spaulding to Leo & Theresa Patenaude
Book 1163, pg. 587	3/30/51	Theodore & Mary Lupien to Arthur & Esther Spaulding
& (Book 1005, pg. 247)	4/20/44	Lupien Farms, Inc. to Theodore & Mary Lupien
(Book 1163, pg. 585)	3/30/51	Lupien
Book 1002, pg. 141	1/ 5/44	Ulysses & Eugenie Lupien to Lupien Farms
Book 918, pg. 513	9/ 7/38	Florence E. Grant to Ulysses & Eugenie Lupien

Note: Ulysses Lupien conveyed to Florence E. Grant 9/7/38
Then Florence Grant conveyed as above tenant by the
entirety.

White card prepared during a WPA project:

Book 918, pg. 512 9/ 7/38 Ulysses Lupien to Florence Grant.
The grantor Ulysses Lupien had gotten from Mercy
J. Hodson Feb. 26, 1908. See also deed by Margaret
Wheelock dated May 23, 1911: Book 468, pg. 111.

Note to concerned parties:
The summary of deeds was missing from this file.

- Allen, pg. 18: (1664) - The early attention of the first inhabitants to the culture of apple trees may be learned from the mention of Edward Spalding's orchard in 1664.
- Allen, pg. 10: The plantation thus granted May 18, 1653 and laid out the June following, was occupied within 18 months by a sufficient number of people to render it expedient to call a general meeting for the choice of officers "to manage the public affairs of this place." This meeting was holden on the 22 Nov. 1654 at which the following persons were chosen into office, viz: Esdras Reed, Edward Spalding, William Fletcher, Isaac Learned, Simon Thompson, William Underwood, and Thomas Adams.
- Waters, pg.399: The original Edward Spaulding estate was at Newfield and Flaggy Meadow in North Chelmsford.
- Waters, pg.748: (Forefathers Cemetery Lt. Edward Spalding, Jan. 10, 1707. Age 73 years.
- Waters, pg.718: "Here lyes the body of Lieut. Edward Spoldin aged 73 years who deceased Janry ye 10th, 1707/8." Edward Spaulding was one of the original settlers, having been chosen into office at the first Town Meeting in 1654. He settled where Mrs. Thomas Moore lately lived. He grew the first apple orchard, mention of which was made in 1664.
-) - Edward Spaulding in 1664,
- Waters, pg. 43: One of the early roads at first known as "stony brook Path" was what is now Westford St. Upon this road, about a half a mile from the meeting house, settled John Perham, after his marriage in 1664.....Edward Spalding settled about a mile and a half further west, upon the farm of the late Henry R. Hodson. This farm and those adjoining it on either side were occupied by Spaldings for several generations.
- Waters, pg.241: Edward was of Braintree, where his wife, Margaret died in 1640. He had sons John, Edward, Benjamin, Joseph, Andrew (deacon in the Church at Chelmsford, b. 1653, d. 1713), and two daughters, Grace and Dinah.
- Waters, pg. 412: At a Court of Assize and generall gaole delivery holden at Charlestown, 26th day of January, 1696 in the 8th year of William III, the Jurors for our Sovereign Lord the King present That Edward Spaulding, Jun., on the 25th day of November in the present year, 1696at or near the house of Cornett Hills, Innholdermade an assault upon Ezekiel Richardson, with fatal result. 14 witnesses were examined. The Grand Jury answered, "jgnoramus."

- Waters, pg. 448: Mr. Charles Dalton wrote, (1904) "My maternal ancestor Edward Spaulding married Margaret. His son John married Hannah. (etc.) ;.....These generations of gentlemen were yeomen, living on and cultivating their own lands, while serving the town, colony, state, and Church in various public offices."
- Waters, pg. 530: Oct. 5, 1686 Jarathmeel Bowers and John Fisk (son of the minister) were licensed by the court to sell "strong waters." Sept. 4, 1688 Jerathmeel Bowers and Cornelius Waldo (Deacon of the Church) were licensed, and in 1687 Edward Spalding was appointed "Gager."
- Waters, pg. 616: On account of the estate of the severall persons in Chelmsford in perticular Rateable to the minister in the yer 1672: Edward Spalding 1 head 2 Cowes 3 of 2 yer old 1 horse 3 sheep 1 swine 9 Acers land and howsing:
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- Waters, pg. 43 One of the very early roads at first known as "Stony brook path" was what is now Westford road. Upon this road, about half a mile from the meeting house, settled John Perham, after his marriage in 1664, but at just what time is not known. The place has been continuously in the family to the present time. Edward Spalding settled about a mile and a half further west, upon the farm of the late Henry R. Hodson. This farm and those adjoining it on either side were occupied by Spaldings for several years generations. To the west of Spalding, at what is now the William Martin place, at the foot of Francis hill, lived John Stevens and his descendants for five generations. William Underwood was also in this neighborhood. His daughter, Priscilla, and Edward Spalding, Jr having united their fortunes in marriage.

Monday, Oct. 19, 1903

Hit By Yoke

HENRY R. HODSON OF CHELMSFORD KILLED BY RUNAWAY

Horses were Frightened

In An Effort To Stop the Animals He Was Knocked Down & Trampled

This village has been prolific in fatal casualties in the past few weeks. Since Sept. 14 three deaths have resulted from accidental causes. On the date first mentioned, Alfred Clarke, a lad of 11 years, was drowned while bathing in River Meadow brook. On the 6th of the present month young Leon Holt by a most peculiar accident came to an untimely death by asphyxiation, and Saturday afternoon a well known townsman, Henry R. Hodson lost his life in an attempt to stop his runaway horse.

Henry R. Hodson of Chelmsford lost his life Saturday as the result of an effort to stop his pair of spirited horses which became frightened and ran away.

Mr. Hodson's home is on the old Westford Road about 2 miles from the Centre village. For 2 days, in conjunction with the town teamsters, he had been carting gravel for the repair of roads. The gravel bank or pit is about a fourth of a mile from his premises on the road leading to the West village.

Instead of going home at the noon hour, in order to economize time, he carried his dinner and also fed his horses at the gravel bank. On this day at noon he backed the cart into the pit, took the blind bridles from the horses and put on the feed bags. He then sat down on one side of the team to eat his own lunch. But a short time had elapsed before a part of the bank gave way and some of the earth and stones fell into the cart startling the horses, a spirited pair, and they at once started forward. Mr. Hodson checked them but in a moment or two they again started and this time he was struck by the "yoke" connecting the animals, knocked down and received a fatal blow to the head from the iron-shod hoof of one of the horses; they ran at full speed into the yard of Patrick Flynn who lives but a few rods from the scene of the accident, and kept on into a field where they brought up against a barbed wire fence. The only witness of the accident was George Roscoe, one of the town employees who was eating his dinner a few rods away. Two of the men dining at Mr. Flynn's captured the runaway team while a third hastened to the assistance of Mr. Hodson. The carriage of a neighbor, Mr. George Spaulding, arriving at this time, Mr. Hodson was carried to his home, retaining sufficient strength, despite the fearful wound, to walk into the house. Dr. Varney of North Chelmsford was at once summoned and upon his arrival seeing the desperate condition of his patient, he telephoned for 2 Lowell surgeons, but nothing could be done to avert a fatal result as the skull was badly fractured and, shortly before 4 o'clock, the end came.

Mr. Hodson has been a resident of the town 25 years, during this time occupying the farm where he died. He was an industrious, hard working man, a good citizen and neighbor. Of a generous, sympathetic disposition, he was no stranger to deeds of helpfulness to those less fortunate than himself. He and his family have been active supporters of the Central Congregational Church of Chelmsford. He was a veteran of the Civil War, enlisting when a mere youth, for he was but 56 years old at the time of his death. He was a member of Post 185 G.A.R. and of the Chelmsford Veterans' Association. Besides his wife he leaves 5 children,

Fred M., Oscar E., and Frank, all of Chelmsford, Mrs. Charles O. Stevens of Lowell and Miss Ella Hodson of Medford.

Note by J. Dary:

Residents of people mentioned in the above article are:

George Spaulding - 55 Spaulding Road
Henry R. Hodson - 243 Westford Street
Patrick Flynn - Westford St. or Rd.
Dr. Fred E. Varney - Middlesex St. near Cottage Row







243 Westford Street

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