

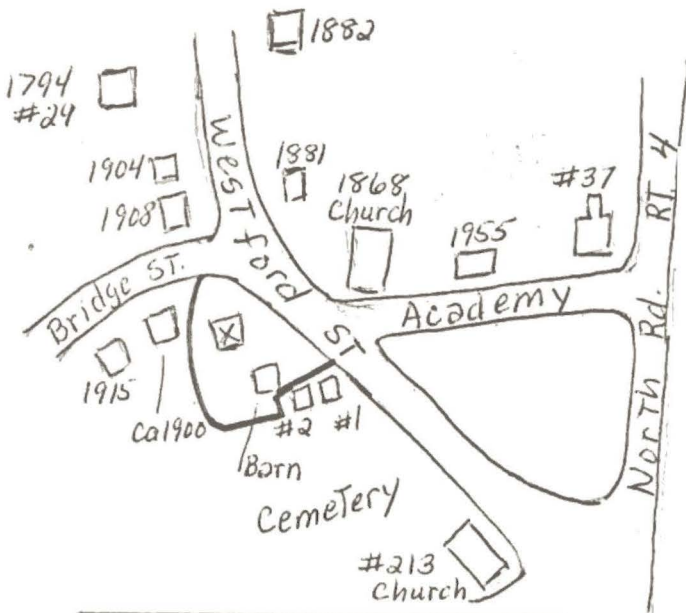
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number HD-1

4. 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 4 Westford Street  
Name Sullivan/Haley House  
Present use residence

Present owner Roland S. Simard

3. Description:

Date ca 1845

Sources deeds; see attached sheet

Style \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric butted clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) barn, small shed

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

pegged construction

beams hewn & vertical sawed

Altered see attached Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

15,000 sq. ft.  
Approximate frontage 162 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

72 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Historical Comm.

Date January 24, 1975

7. Original owner (if known) probably Isaac Crooker

Original use residence

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

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Although probably built in the mid 1800's, this house has several interior construction features found in older houses in the area. The foundation is made of cut granite blocks lined with fieldstone topped with bricks. Beams are pegged; main beams (7" x 8") are hewn, intermediates (3" x 4") are up and down sawed. The wide floor boards remain on the second floor. In the original kitchen the fireplace has been taken out, but evidences that remain indicate that the opening was almost 6 feet high, according to the present owner. Originally the chimney began at the first floor level on top of a huge granite slab held up by two brick tiers; however these were removed when the coal furnace was installed and the chimney built down to the cellar.

Owners of the house included John Sullivan, who owned it for over 40 years, from 1862 to 1904. At that time it was purchased by Patrick H. Haley, who lived next door at 2 Bridge Street and was a postmaster in Chelmsford Center. He continued to own it until his death in 1951.

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

1831 map

1856 Walling's County map

Roland S. Simard, 1975 owner

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds:

Bk. 14, pg. 578 Dickenson to Shepard \$75

Bk. 15, pg. 538 Shepard to Crooker \$425 (also 2 Bridge St.)

Bk. 15, pg. 507 Crooker to Hayden \$850

## 4 Westford Street

### Date:

Although the present owner believes this house was built 1750 - 1800, mainly because of its construction, deeds indicate that it was probably built about 1845. It does not appear on the 1831 map; this map is not always correct, however.

In 1843 Alfred Shepard bought the land at 4 Westford Street for \$75 and a year later bought a small house and land next door at 2 Bridge Street. The 1843 deed does not mention a house. Shepard was a carpenter and perhaps he began to build the house, since in 1845 he sold both properties to Isaac Crooker with some profit. Crooker was also a carpenter and apparently built and sold several houses in town (see North Middlesex Registry of Deeds Index Book). In 1846 he sold the house and land at 4 Westford Street for \$850, an increase of \$775 in three years.

### Alterations:

Fireplace in the original kitchen removed - when the coal furnace was installed and a flue needed. The mantel remains. Huge granite slab supporting the fireplace and 2 brick tiers were removed, and the chimney built down to the cellar floor.

Wide floor boards on first floor replaced by narrow hardwood floors by Patrick Haley, who owned the house from 1904 until his death in 1951. He lived next door at 2 Bridge Street and rented this house. Three partitions on the first floor were removed, making larger rooms - done by Patrick Haley.

Woodshed ell - made into the present kitchen.

### Outbuildings:

Barn - south of the house. Old, not large, very good condition.

Walls - board and batten type

Windows - replaced during summer of 1974

Pegged construction

Floor joists - round logs hewn on one side

Boards - up & down saw.

Tiny toolshed, modern, rear of house

Crooker/Sullivan House  
4 Westford Street

Middlesex Registry of Deeds

Compiled by Jane Drury  
November 11, 1974

North: Book 1204; Page 303  
September 5, 1952

Alice M. Haley to Roland S. & Madeline L. Simard.  
15,000 sq. feet, buildings thereon  
\$4,000 mortgage  
Title from husband; Patrick H. Haley, who died Sept. 20, 1951.

North: Book 1173, Page 187  
July 2, 1951

Mary J. Johnston, Lowell, to Patrick H. & Alice M. Haley.

North: Book 1173, Page 186  
July 2, 1951

Patrick H. Haley to Mary J. Johnston, Lowell  
Portion of that recorded in Book 365, Pg.183

North: Book 365, Page 183  
May 18, 1904

Lizzie M. McCarty, Lowell, to Patrick H. Haley  
Dwelling house  
Water right restriction  
Title inherited from father, John Sullivan

North: Book 31, Page 321  
June 21, 1862

Gardner Fletcher to John Sullivan  
Dwelling house  
Water right restriction

North: Book 9; Page 104  
March 30, 1857

Charlotte F. Hayden to Gardner Fletcher  
Dwelling house  
\$500  
Water right restriction

North: Book 15, Page 507; South: Book 474, Page 449  
February 5, 1846

Isaac Crooker to Charlotte F. Hayden, Waltham  
Land with buildings thereon  
\$850  
Water right restriction

North: Book 15, Page 538; South: Book 479, Page 132  
April 9, 1845

Alfred Shepard, carpenter, to  
Isaac Crooker, carpenter  
1 acre & buildings  
(includes 2 Bridge Street)  
\$425

North: Book 14, Page 538; South: Book 435, Page 537  
November 21, 1843

Martha P. Dickenson, widow, to  
Alfred Shepard, carpenter  
1/8 acre  
\$75

Deed Summary

2 Bridge Street

Crooker to Carlton  
water rights, house, \$250

1845 Shepard to Crooker  
house 1 acre  
\$450

Spaulding to Shepard  
house, \$300

1834 Perham to Spaulding  
house, \$100

1832 Dickenson to Perham  
shop, \$100

4 Westford Street

1846 Crooker to Hayden  
\$850, house

1845 Shepard to Crooker  
house

1843 Dickenson to Shepard  
\$75, land



4 Westford Street



4 Westford Street - barn on right

8/22/2004 F. Merriam



4 Westford Street in rear

12/27/2004 F. Merriam





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