

FORM B - BUILDING

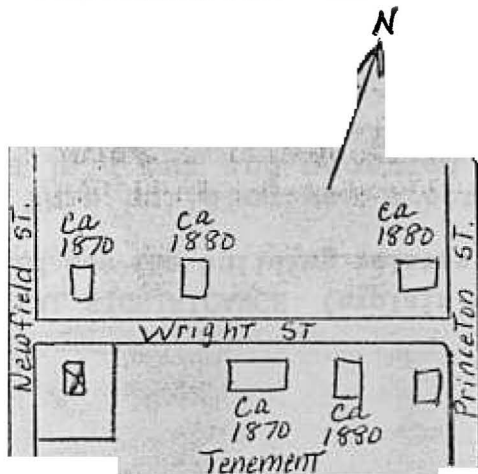
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Town Chelmsford
 Address 36 Wright Street
 Historic Name Vinal House
 Use: Original residence
 Present residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Cordice R. Sprague

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION
 Date 1873
 Source deeds, tax records
 Style Italianate
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric butted clapboard
 Outbuildings none
 Major alterations (with dates) 1982
front porch: floor replaced & some new posts (duplicates of original)
 Moved no Date _____
 Approx. acreage 9600 sq. feet
 Setting densely settled, urban,
most houses originally owned by
workers in the mills

Recorded by Jane B. Drury
 Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission
 Date November 26, 1983

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

Italianate cottage typical of several in its immediate vicinity; little changed and in good condition; granite block foundation typical of many in Chelmsford.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This building was erected in 1873, just two years after Wright Street was laid out and accepted by the Town. Its 1st owner, Cordice R. Sprague, was a native of Lowell but had already moved to Chelmsford by the time the house was built. He was a veteran of the Civil War. He worked in the North Chelmsford mills, first as a machinist, but later as a moulder. He sold the property in 1901 to Charles H. Crowell, a machinist who worked in Lowell. Mr. Crowell served on the Chelmsford School Committee. However, he died of tuberculosis in 1915 before the end of his term.

The following year, 1916, Fred I. Vinal purchased the dwelling. Ownership remained in in his family or descendants 66 years. Fred Vinal was a carpenter and a town constable. He died in 1955. His son-in-law, Benjamin F. Heald, whose estate sold the house in 1982, was a "town worker."

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex No. Reg. Deeds: Bk. 89, pg. 517 (10/1/1872)
1875 Beers Atlas; 1889 atlas
Chelmsford tax & real estate valuation records
Chelmsford Register of Voters (1877); vital records; revaluation record
Waters, "History of Chelmsford" (1917)
Street directories
Chelmsford Road Book, pg. 217 (original book, pg. 167)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 119
Property Name: Vinal House	

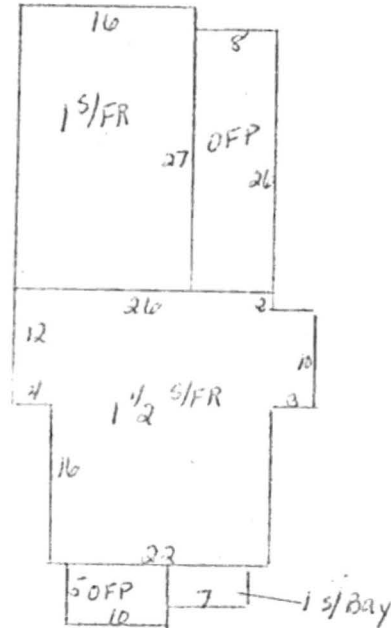
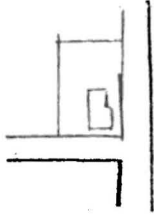
Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Major Alterations:

1875 Beers Atlas

1889 Atlas

Revaluation Card 11/9/1970



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36 Wright Street
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Bk. 2542, pg. 353	6/25/1982	Albert Leman, North Chelmsford, & Richard H. Perham, Tyngsborough, to Marc A. & Karen S. Vandenbulcke, 36 Wright St \$49,000 9600 sq. ft. & buildings corner Wright & Newfield Streets
Bk. 2531, pg. 199	4/15/1982	Estate Benjamin F. Heald to Albert Leman, 28 Washington St., & Richard H. Perham, Sherburne Ave, Tyngsborough \$35,000 9600 sq. ft. & buildings corner Wright & Newfield Streets
Bk. 1381, pg. 8	9/02/1957	Mary F. Johnston, Lowell, to Benjamin F. & Mabel A. Heald 9600 sq. ft. & buildings corner Wright & Newfield Streets
Bk. 1381, pg. 7	9/02/1957	Benjamin F. & Mabel A. Heald, formerly Mabel A. Syvret, to Mary J. Johnston, Lowell 9600 sq. ft. & buildings corner Wright & Newfield Streets
Bk. 1364, pg. 551	3/07/1957	Walter E. Vinal to Benjamin F. & Mabel A. Heald $\frac{1}{2}$ part 9600 sq. ft. & buildings corner Wright & Newfield Streets
Bk. 1012, pg. 34	8/26/1944	Nettie M. Vinal to Mabel A. Syvret & Walter E. Vinal 9600 sq. ft. & buildings corner Wright & Newfield Streets Reserving: right to use during her natural life
Bk. 553, pg. 265	5/11/1916	Estate Charles H. Crowell to Fred I. & Nettie M. Vinal 9600 sq. ft. & buildings corner Wright & Canal Streets
Bk 329, pg. 282	5/02/1901	Cordice R. Sprague to Charles H. Crowell, Lowell 9600 sq. ft. & buildings corner Wright & Fletcher Streets
Bk. 89, pg. 517	10/01/1872	Henry A. Fiske to Cordice R. Sprague \$200 9600 sq. ft. land corner Wright & Fletcher Streets

Bk. 80, pg. 364

6/29/1871

Benjamin Adams to

Henry A. Fiske

\$50

9600 sq. ft. land

corner Wright & Fletcher Streets

Compiled by J. Drury

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