

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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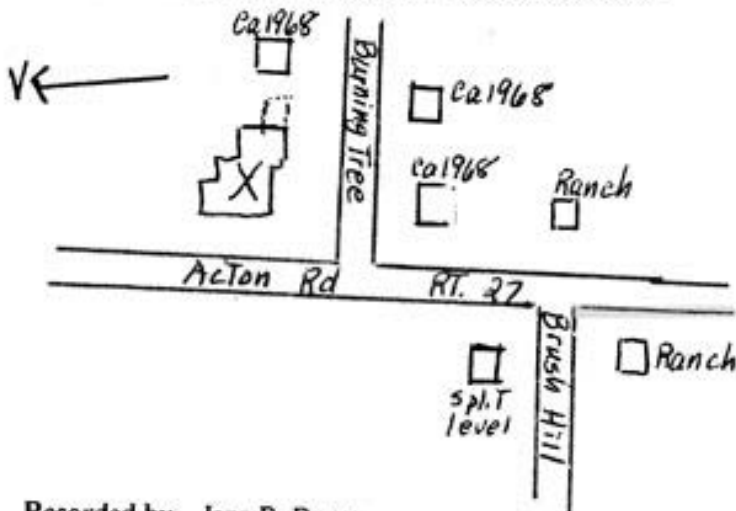
Place (neighborhood or village)
 South Chelmsford

Photograph



s 200 Acton Road
 c Name Calvin Wright House
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 Original residence: 1 family
 Construction 1843
 tax records; Lester Ball; Ethel Wright
 Form Georgian
 Architect/Builder see page 2
 Material:
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 Siding wooden clapboards

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Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
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Major Alterations (with dates)

see attachments

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 44.300 sq. feet

Setting rural but on Rt. 27; rolling topography

Recorded by Jane B. Drury

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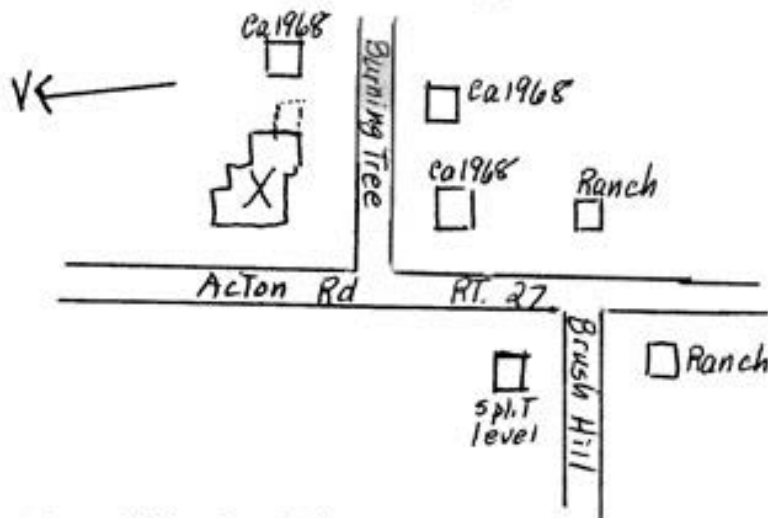
(3" x 3" or 3-1/2" x 5" black and white only) Label photo on back with town and property address. Record film roll and negative numbers here on the form. Staple photo to left side of form over this space. Attach additional photos to continuation sheets.

Roll Negative(s)

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Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Benjamin Chamberlain kept a tavern in what has been called the Spaulding or Lovering house (Inv.#22). He liked the plan of this house and built a "replica" of it for his daughter Martha when she married Calvin T. Wright, Dec. 14, 1842. However, this house is a smaller version of that at 109 Billerica Rd. This residence has only 5x1 bays; the older house has 5x2. This structure has changed but a little over the years. Entry into the kitchen, which was in the ell, was on the right. Across the kitchen was a narrow pantry with a window. In back of the pantry was another little room where grains used for cooking were kept. The hired man's room was over the kitchen. An ash tree was planted outside the kitchen for shade, but it was cut down during the Alcorn ownership (1936-68). An enclosed porch is on the right side of the main house, but its age is not known.

At some time during the period of 1936-1968 there was a fire, after which some partitions were removed. Some signs of the fire remain in the attic, but there are no indications of a center chimney ever being there.

The barn was erected in 1844, and architecture suggests that the connecting shed is not much younger, if at all.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE see continuation sheet

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Calvin T. and Martha Wright lived in this house at 200 Acton Road for all their married life, raising five children to adulthood. A daughter and a son died young. Calvin, like his father Zaccheus, was a farmer, and he liked to work with stones and rocks. One morning their oldest son, George B. B. Wright, went for the cows and on the way passed a beautiful peach tree. He had been told that it was bad for him to eat fruit before breakfast, but the temptation was too great - but he didn't get sick. In 1882 he and his bride, Adelaide (Henshaw), lived in an apartment in an extension in the back of the barn (later used by farmhands but since removed). Calvin was reported to be "one of the upright, industrious farmers of the town." Martha was the first parent to die, in 1891, not quite 70 years old. Following her mother's death, Juliette "presided over the home". Martha and Calvin's youngest son, Edward, moved in with his widowed father and Juliette a year before Calvin's death in June 1899, 80 years old. Calvin's health had been declining for several years. Edward was a farmer and milk dealer; he and Juliette lived there together until his death in December 1932. Juliette became quite blind in her later years, and one day when she went to the out-house, a 3-holer located at the rear of the shed, she almost used the paper which cleared the title for the house, but just in time she realized the texture was wrong. In 1936 she sold the property, and spent the last part of her life in Melrose with her married sister Caroline Parkhurst.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

Maps: 1831; 1856 Walling's County Map; 1875 Beers' Atlas; 1889 Walker Map

Ethel M. Wright: undated paper. She died Apr. 25, 1948.

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, North Bk. 19, pg. 20

Real Estate/Tax Valuation records

Chelmsford Street Directories

Building Inspector Records: nothing pertinent 2004, 1996, 2004

Town Clerk's Records

Assessors' Records

Mrs. Alice Dryden

Mrs. Adelaide Ball, Lester Ball ; Mrs. Charlotte DeWolf

Linnea Warner, told Jane Vooy's. Cook for the Alcorn family.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

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HISTORY:

The next owner, Edward Alcorn, rented out the house for three years to Ed & Alice Dryden – for \$15/month rent. Alice later recalled memories of a very cold parlor and no bathroom in the main house, but also that two of big bedrooms upstairs had fireplaces. In 1943 Edward Alcorn, the owner, moved there and he, like the Wrights, was also a farmer. However, in 1944 he sold the property to his married brother Walter and moved into an apartment at 40 Byam Road. Walter and his wife, Mary moved into Acton Rd., where he was also a farmer and raised turkeys . During busy harvesting periods they hired Mr. and Mrs. Walter Werner, Mr. Werner to help on the farm and his wife Linnea as a cook. . Walter Alcorn died in 1968 and his widow, Mary, sold the property the same year and moved to 16 Maple Road. That ended the lifetime of the property as a working farm.

During the brief time that the Foley family lived in the house, kitchen was remodeled. A physician, Dr. Robert W. Millam, and his wife, Anna Mary, a registered nurse, were the next owners. They resided there about four years with at least four children. It was they who made some interior changes to the left room of the main house

During the late 1970s to the mid 1980s the house was rented out. In 1985 Daniel and Jane Vooy's purchased it and live here with their family. Daniel is an engineer Jane a retired registered nurse.

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 ALTERATIONS

by 1882	small addition or "house" added to rear of barn; used as an apartment
ca 1920s	right (south) chimney in main house made much smaller
after 1920s	bathrooms added
after 1930	exterior door on right (south) removed
after 1930	north wall of small room 1 st floor of main house removed the small room resembled that in 109 Billerica Rd. & 79 Elm St.
after 1930	3 holer removed from rear of shed
1930-60s	some partitions removed after fire under Alcorn ownership a few indications of the fire remain in attic
unknown	enclosed porch addition: south side
ca 1972-4	kitchen remodeled by Foleys
between 1972 - 1983	barn made smaller, when apartment addition was removed at rear of barn, removed except for some foundation was cow barn 1 st floor; 2 horse stalls above entrance for cows was at rear; now cemented up
????	fireplace in 1 st floor left room replaced with narrow shelves. matched fireplace in south room; now stored in barn
1987	plain double windows removed and replaced by sliding door

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North side of main house



South side main house + kitchen ell



kitchen ell + east side barn



South side of barn

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Barn

east side

North side



Barn

*note 1987 sliding door
kitchen ell*

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Home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alcorn at 200 Acton Road.

200 Acton Road
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Bk. 2983, pg. 156	08/03/1985	Walter F. & Norma H. vonFricken to Daniel F. & Jane S. Vooys, 200 Acton Rd. \$175,000 44,974 sq. ft & buildings: Lot 260, Campanelli plan, Plan Bk. 107, Plan 86 same: Charles L. Emerson 1984 deed, bk. 2700, pg. 703
Bk. 2700, pg. 703	28/02/1984	Charles E. Emerson to Walter F. & Norma H. vonFricken, 200 Acton Rd. \$128,000 44,974 sq. ft & buildings: Lot 260, Campanelli plan, Plan Bk. 107, Plan 86 same: 1982 Bradford Realty Trust deed, bk. 2538, pg. 566

There are more deeds here at the Registry

Bk. 2044, pg. 425	1/28/1972	Francis & Alexina Foley to Robert W. & Anna Mary Milam, 200 Acton Rd. \$44,300 44,974 sq. ft & buildings: Lot 260, Campanelli plan, Plan Bk. 107, Plan 86 same: Claude Harvey 1971 deed, bk. 1958, pg. 249
Bk. 1958, pg. 249	05/11/1971	Claude J. Harvey to Francis W. & Alexina Foley, 200 Rd. \$29,680 44,974 sq. ft & buildings: Lot 260, Campanelli plan, Plan Bk. 107, Plan 86
Bk. 1927, pg. 691	06/16/1970	Campanelli, Inc., Braintree to Claude J. Harvey \$20,000 44,974 sq. ft & buildings: Acton Rd. corner Burning Tree Lane Lot 260, Campanelli plan, Plan Bk. 107, Plan 86 subject: Ways Provisions, in 1969 deed bk. 1902, pg. 328 same: Bk. 1857, pg. 607
Bk. 1857, pg. 607	09/09/1968	Mary B. Alcorn, widow, to Campanelli, Inc., Braintree 66.6 A. & buildings thereon: southwest side Acton Rd 1968 plan to be recorded subject: rights & easements, including rights granted New England Power Co. same: Edward E. Alcorn 1944 deed, bk. 1011, pg. 542
Bk. 101 pg. 542	09/30/1944	Edward E. Alcorn to Charles W. & Mary B. Alcorn 1. 90 A. & building s thereon: south side Acton Rd. 2. land adjoining #1, called "The Lane" same: Ethel M. Wright et al 1936 deed, bk. 895, pg. 506 3. 9A. 32 rods, 134 ft. land 3 rd lot in Sweeney 1944 deed, bk. 1004, pg. 459

Bk. 895, pg. 504	2/28/1936	<p>Ethel M. Wright, trustee of Estate of Edward Z.C. Wright to Edward E. Alcorn $\frac{1}{2}$ portion 90 A. & buildings thereon: south side Acton Rd. farm: occupied by deceased & sister Juliette L. Wright right: to draw water from well on premises conveyed by deceased to Ethel M. Wright, 1931 deed bk. 820, pg. 66 subject: rights & easements granted New England Power Co</p>
Bk. 895, pg. 505	12/28/1936	<p>Juliette L. Wright, unmarried, to Edward E. Alcorn $\frac{1}{2}$ portion 90 A. & buildings thereon: south side Acton Rd. farm: occupied by deceased & sister Juliette L. Wright right: to draw water from well on premises conveyed by deceased to Ethel M. Wright, 1931 deed bk. 820, pg. 66 subject: rights & easements granted New England Power Co</p>
Bk. 327, pg. 379	01/25/1901	<p>Adelia M. Page, Carlisle, to Edward Z.C. Wright & Juliette L. Wright \$1000 1. lands: Chelmsford & Westford: owned by mother Martha H. Wright 2. land & buildings: 1893 Chamberlain deed, bk. 245, pg. 188 see also: 1876 Co-operative Mutual Homestead Co. deed to Martha H. Wright see also: 1868 Wright to Paasche deed, bk. 62, pg. 447 only heirs-at-law of Martha H. Wright: Edward, Juliette Wright, Adelia Page George B. Wright, Caroline A. Parkhurst since her decease granted to us all their interest</p>
Bk. 328, pg. 262	10/26/1900	<p>Caroline A. Parkhurst, Malden, to Adelia M. Page, Carlisle; Edward C.Z. Wright, Juliette L. Wright \$1000 1. lands: Chelmsford & Westford: owned by mother Martha H. Wright 2. land & buildings; 1893 Chamberlain deed, bk. 245, pg. 188 see also: 1876 Co-operative Mutual Homestead Co. deed to Martha H. Wright see also: 1868 Wright to Paasche deed, bk. 62, pg. 447 only heirs-at-law of Martha H. Wright: Edward, Juliette Wright, Adelia , Caroline A. Parkhurst George B. Wright since her decease granted to us his interest</p>
Bk. 310, pg. 064	11/22/1898	<p>George B. Wright to Caroline A. Parkhurst, Malden; Adelia M. Page, Lowell; Edward C.Z. Wright, Lowell; Juliette L. Wright \$70 1. lands: Chelmsford & Westford: owned by mother Martha H. Wright 2. land & buildings; 1893 Chamberlain deed, bk. 245, pg. 188 see also: 1876 Co-operative Mutual Homestead Co. deed to Martha H. Wright see also: 1868 Wright to Paasche deed, bk. 62, pg. 447 only heirs-at-law of their mother, Martha H. Wright : Edward, Juliette , Adelia , Caroline A. , George B. Wright</p>

Bk. 245, 188	05/01/1893	<p>Asenath M. Chamberlain, Lowell, unmarried, to Caroline A. Parkhurst, Malden; Adelia M. Page, George B. Wright, Juliette L. Wright; Edward C.Z. Wright, Lowell all land in 1851 deed of Calvin Wright their father, to her father, Benjamin Chamberlain, late of Wilton, NH. only heirs of Benjamin Chamberlain: Martha H. Wright her sister, wife of Calvin Wright & mother of grantees. subject: life tenancy of Calvin Wright.</p>
<p>North: Bk. 019, pg. 020 South: Bk. 628, pg. 123</p>	06/27/1851	<p>Calvin T. Wright, yeoman to Benjamin Chamberlain, Wilton, NH. parcels:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. land: north side Robbins hill; bounded southerly by road by Josiah Byam's land 2. land: south side Robbins hill; bounded by road passing by house of William Hunter 3. wood & meadow land: 4. land: at Crosby road, so called 5. land partly in Chelmsford & partly in Carlisle 6. land partly in Chelmsford & partly in Westford <p>subject: mortgage Zaccheus Wright for \$800 & now transferred to Chamberlain</p>



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