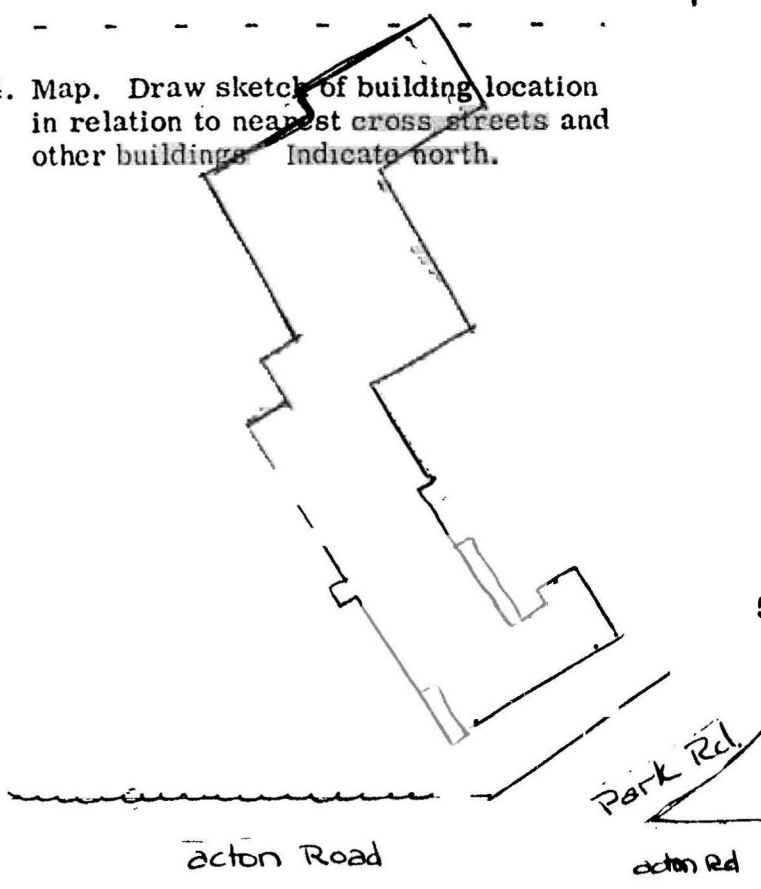




town Chelmsford ma
 address 246 Acton Road
 name _____
 present use Residence/Veterinary
clinic
 present owner Robert W. & Ella P. Carlson
 description:
 date @1853 ?
 Source Richardson Fam. Hist. Notebook 1946 CHC 62

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. _____

Barton Hill Rd

(over)

Style _____
 Architect Eli Parker
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards
 Outbuildings (describe) Barns; shed
 Other features cistern in cellar; well on back
porch, nice granite works in basement
 Altered enclosed near porch / added side room Date @1980 / e 1989
 Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre 4.96
 Approximate frontage to Park Rd = 286.12 ft.
to Acton Rd 728.96 ft.
 Approximate distance of building from street
 (Park Rd) 20 feet

6. Recorded by Martha P. Sanders
 Organization Chelmsford Historical Commission
 Date 8-29-83

7. Original owner (if known) Elijah Richardson Jr.

Original use homestead farm house

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Shed used for craft store c. 1969; veterinary clinic c. 1977

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation	_____	Recreation	
Agricultural	✓	Education	_____	Religion	
Architectural	_____	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)

Real Estate originally owned by John Harwood c. 1831 sold to Elijah Richardson who developed the homestead. Ellen Louise Richardson (wife of Albert H. Davis) dgr of Elijah and Elizabeth Emerson moved into 2nd Dupee house in 1853. Home sold to Dupee in 1860 and occupied by Dupees until 1956; sold to Ralph House, then to Dale Cartisle^{et al.} then to present owner Robt. W. Carlson et al. in 1977.

In the late 1890's E.F. Dupee & Son maintained "extensive crops of tomatoes and other garden truck".

Residence of Mrs. Edmund Dupee - leader in Congregational Church Womens organization.

Currently used as veterinary clinic (in shed) by owner

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

Deeds - Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Notes of Richardson Family - brown notebook c. 1946 from Chelmsford Historical Comm. files

Howell Weekly Journal Aug. 5, 1898 account E.F. Dupee garden

1856 Walling's map: E. Richardson; 1875 Beers Atlas: E.F. Dupee; Waters' History of Chelmsford.

Lowell Courier-Citizen

May 20, 1913 - The condition of Mrs. E.F. Dupee, who is with her daughters at Concord, N.H., is a matter of concern to her many friends here. Mrs. Dupee, who is in her 85th year, has lately had a serious attack of bronchitis and is now suffering from a heart difficulty.

May 29, 1913 - The death of Mrs. Martha A. Dupee, widow of Edmund F. Dupee of the South village, occurred Wednesday at Concord, N.H., where for several years she had made her home with her daughters. A severe attack of bronchitis in the spring developed a heart weakness, from which she was unable to rally. Her age was 84 years, 8 months and 22 days. Mrs. Dupee was born in Westford, the daughter of Zacheus and Mary Read. In 1849, she married Edmund F. Dupee, of Westford, and shortly after, removed to Chelmsford. The death of her husband occurred in 1905. She was deeply interested in the affairs of the Central Congregational society and was its last surviving charter member. Her life was an active and useful one and she was happiest in living for her family and her many friends. She belonged to the best old New England type of woman. She leaves two sons, Henry F., of Boston, William Z. of South Chelmsford, and two daughters, Emma O. and Katherine E., of Concord, N.H. Her funeral, a notice of which appears elsewhere, will be held on Saturday afternoon, at 12:30 o'clock, from the home in South Chelmsford.

Aug. 6, 1915- Misses Emma O. Dupee and Kate E. Dupee who have for many years been connected with the Rofe and Rumford School for Girls at Concord, N.H., have resigned their positions and in the future will make their home with their brother, William Z. Dupee on the Acton road. For 33 years Miss Emma Dupee has most acceptably filled the exacting position of a matron at the school and during a considerable part of that time she has been ably assisted by her sister, Miss Kate E. Dupee. Their return to Chelmsford will be welcomed by many friends.

Dupee House
246 Acton Road (Corner of Park)

1831 map: no

1856 Walling's map: E. Richardson

1875 Beers Atlas: E.F. Dupee

Waters, "History of Chelmsford":

pg. 765 Edward F. Dupee; selectman in 1862, 1863, 1864
Edmund F. Dupee, selectman 1865, also later years

Notes written in 1946 in a brown notebook by ?
Notebook in Historical Commission files (1973):

Richardson Family

"Ellen Louise Richardson, wife of Albert H. Davis, daughter of Elijah Richardson, Jr. and Elizabeth Emerson, sister of Owen Emerson - born Nov. 16, 1844 in the first Dupee house which stood near the second (present in 1946).

The family moved to the second Dupee house in 1853. The second Dupee house was built by Eli Parker (carpenter) brother of Francis Parker.

In 1859 the family moved to the J.P. Emerson house. Ellen Louise married Albert Davis, April 7, 1878. A.H. Davis and his parents came from Lunenburg to Chelmsford April 1, 1860 and located on the Boulder Farm on Davis Road.

A.H. Davis, born 1854, went to work for Joseph Warren at the place known as the Blanchard place on South Street April 1, 1875.

At that time Miriam Warren was also living there. Ellen Richardson was employed there also. Mr. Davis attended the Westford Academy for about 3 years. He and Ellen married April 7, 1878 and set up their home in Carlisle the next day.

In 1880 they were at the Wm. Fletcher place on North Road and two years later Mr. Davis began work in Lowell.

He was in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. for a time and came to the house next north of the Town Hall in 1884. The family moved to the Boulder Farm at the elder Davis' death in 1909.

In 1921, returned to the North Road house."

Additional Notes by J. Drury:

246 Acton Road: location of the 2nd Dupee house. Standing on 1/30/73.

11 North Road: location of the J.P. Emerson house. " " "

33 North Road: location of the Wm. Fletcher place. " " "

1 North Road: location of the house next north of the Town Hall.
Standing on 1/30/73.

South Street is now known as Boston Road (Rt. 4).

H.J. Davis (3/26/72): Some Richardson (H.J. knows whether it is Ezekiel or Isaiah) lived here and was a stone mason. He placed the thresholds in front of the front door, made the stone fences (& wood) around the Commons in the Center of town, etc.

Chelmsford Newsweekly 1/13/1977



The Former Sidney Dupes house, now the home of Dale Carlisle, 246 Acton Road. (Photo by Tec Art Photography)



246 Acton Road c 1900

Courtesy of Phil and Deb Jones















246 Acton Road

F. Merriam 10/13/2006