

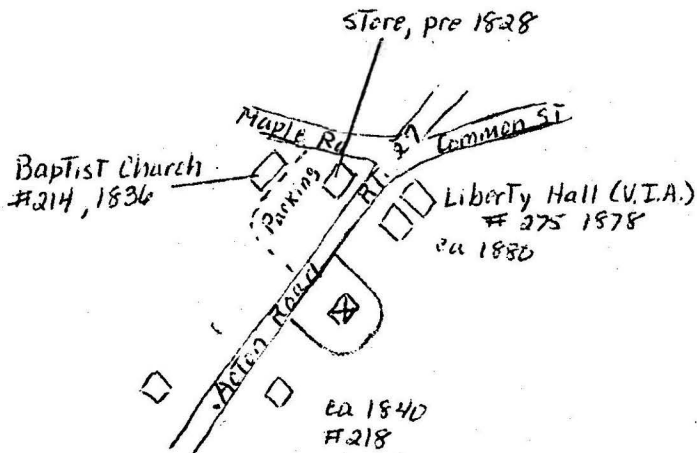
In Area no.	Form no.
	223

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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 326 Acton Road

Name "Doc" Harris House

Present use residence

1 family

Present owner Laurie J. Sheppard

3. Description:

Date Between 1831 - 1867

Source 1831 map; deeds

Style cape

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features beehive oven right of

fireplace; square Franklin

fireplace

Altered see attached Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

8200 sf

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage ca 75 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

ca 25 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

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Date November 21, 1983

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____)
 Original use _____)
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This house was probably built around 1840 by Stillman Byam, who did live here for many years with his first wife, Mary Ann Carpenter. He was a wheelwright and carpenter. In 1845 & 1846 he taught at the Sunday School and was librarian of the South Chelmsford Baptist Church. On Aug. 30, 1862, on the same day as his nephew Daniel and as George Adams Byam, he enlisted for 9 months in Co. K, 6th Regiment of the Mass. Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered out June 3, 1863. Mary Ann died Feb. 1, 1864. In 1867 Stillman, then a mechanic, and his second wife, Delphia, were living in Lowell when the property was sold. He died in Lowell July 19, 1878 but is buried with his first wife in the South Chelmsford Heart Pond Cemetery.

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

1831 map; 1856 map (Walling's); 1875 Beer's Atlas; 1889 atlas
 Real estate valuation/tax records
 Waters, "History of Chelmsford"
 Edwin Colby Byam, "Descendants of George Byam (?-1680)"
 Mrs. Elsie Bunce; Mrs. Laurie Sheppard
 Chelmsford street directories
 Revaluation charts: 5/27/1971, 4/20/1982
 Middlesex N. Dist. Reg. Deeds: Bk. 55, pg. 223 (4/3/1867)

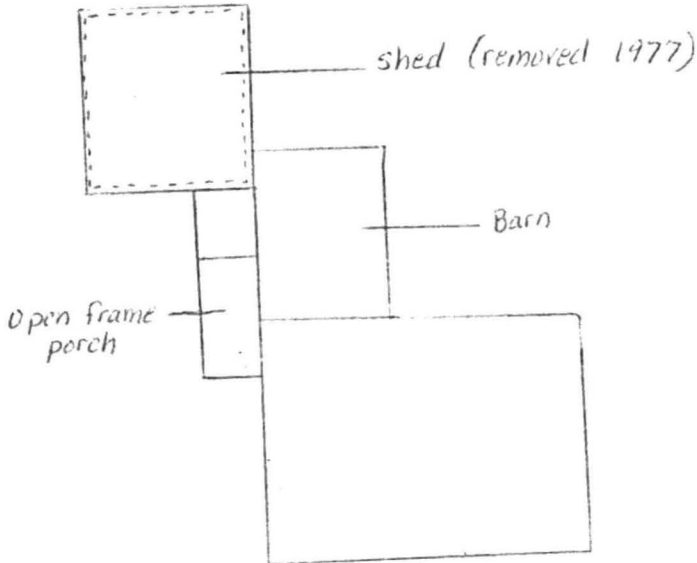
INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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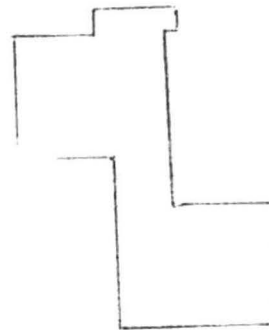
Community:	Form No: 223
Property Name: "Doc" Harris House	

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

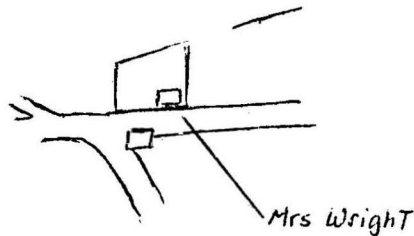
3. Altered



Revaluation card
5/27/1971



Plan Book M, Plan 77
1912
1 inch = 40 feet



1875 Beers Atlas

House probably had a center chimney originally

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

326 Acton Road

2124, pg. 403	8/30/1974	Ruth F. Hoxie to Larry E. & Laurie J. Sheppard land with buildings thereon
1176, pg. 356	8/27/1951	Charles A. & Edna H. House to Daniel W. & Ruth F. Hoxie land with buildings thereon
1044, pg. 173	5/21/1946	James H. & Roberta E. Cofran to Charles A. & Edna H. House land with buildings thereon
1016, pg. 127	11/13/1944	Middlesex Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Concord to James H. & Roberta E. Cofran land with buildings thereon
872, pg. 23	11/12/1935	John M. Cummings, widower, to Middlesex Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Concord land with buildings thereon
Bk. 792, pg. 111	6/26/1930	Daniel J. O'Donnell, Lexington, to John M. & Jeanette C. Cummings land with buildings thereon
725, pg. 452	7/15/1925	Elijah D. Harris to Daniel J. O'Donnell, Lexington land with buildings thereon
Bk. 627, pg. 25	6/ 9/1920	Frank E. Bickford to Elijah D. Harris land with buildings thereon
Bk. 209, pg. 56	8/ 9/1889	George O. & Elizabeth P. Hutchins, Lowell, to Frank E. Bickford \$800 land with buildings thereon 1 lot
110, pg. 549	5/18/1875	Mary A. Wright to Elizabeth P. Hutchins \$1500 land with buildings thereon 2 lots
76, pg. 148	10/26/1870	Mason A. Wright, Chelmsford, & Granville E. Parker, Lowell, to Mary A. Wright, widow \$1100 land with buildings thereon
Bk. 75, pg. 436	11/ 9/1869	Gilbert Parker, yeoman, Westford to E. Granville Parker & Mason A. Wright, both of Westford \$1000 land with buildings thereon

Bk. 56, pg. 223	4/ 3/1867	Stilman Byam, mechanic, Lowell to Gilbert Parker, yeoman, Westford \$900 Land with buildings thereon
* Bk. 178, pg. 489	1/ 4/1886 Mortgage	John E. Brown to Elizabeth P. Hutchins, Lowell \$950 Land with buildings thereon
Bk. 178, pg. 491	1/ 4/1886	George O. & Elizabeth P. Hutchins, Lowell to John E. Brown \$950 Land with buildings thereon Right of way - 10 ft. wide....running back from said road as far as the main part of said building formerly stood



326 Acton Road

11/3/2006 F. Merriam



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