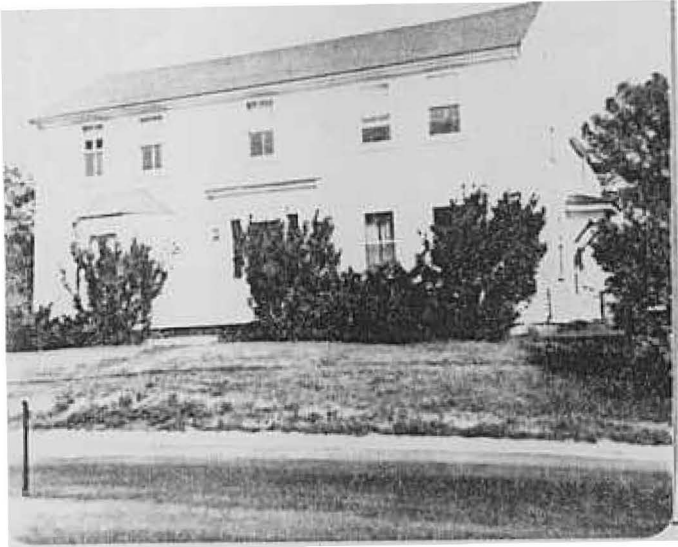


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	222



1 Town Chelmsford

Address 330 Acton Road

Name Benjamin Dudley House

Present use residence - 2 apartments

Present owner _____

3. Description:

Date sometime between 1837 - 1848

Source Chelmsford Valuation/Tax records

Style Georgian

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric butted clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) barn & Garage

Other features old latches, etc.

made by a Dudley

Altered see attached Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size 1 A. & 27,225 sf

One acre or less Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 187 feet

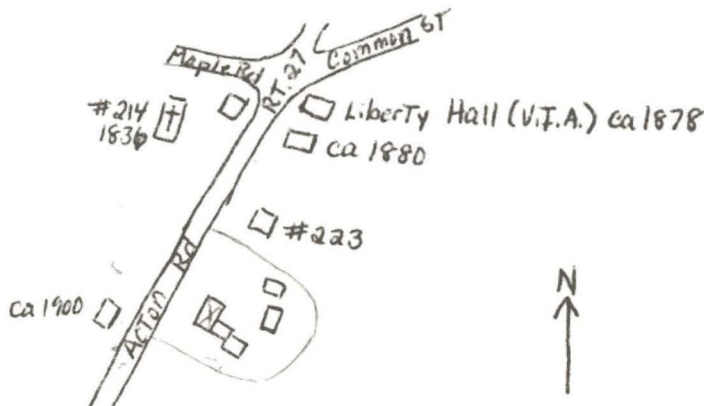
Approximate distance of building from street
ca 35 feet

6 Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission

Date October 7, 1980

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. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Deacon Benjamin Dudley (b.1799)

Original use residence - 1 family

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The first owner of the house, Deacon Benjamin Dudley, married a South Chelmsford girl, Betsy Proctor Byam, in 1824, but he & his family lived in Weston until 1836, when he bought the land on which the house was built. He was a cordwainer & immediately built his shop jusy north of the house site, but the house wasn't erected until sometime after the death of his wife in 1837. The next spring he married Martha H. Parkhurst; perhaps the house was built at that time. Little is known about his later life, except that for 2 years (1855-57) he owned the store still standing at the southwest corner of Acton & Maple Rds. Otis, a son of Benjamin & is first wife, was a blacksmith & married Martha Ann Byam; Martha's father was Ezekiel Byam, manufacturer of the 1st Lucifer matches in America (#54)

Benjamin remained in the house until his death in 1879, and in 1890 his heirs sold it to Henry H. Emerson, retaining land south of the house near Heart Pond, where they had 2 camps & tennis courts, which were among the 1st in town.

The Emersons lived in the house for 31 years, and Henry became the postmaster at the So. Chelmsford office, where his son, John, when old enough, was the assistant postmaster. In 1921 Henry's widow sold to Arthur W. House, a teamster and later a commercial merchant. The House family remained there for 41 years.

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

early maps, etc.)
1831 & 1856 maps; 1875 & 1889 atlases
Diary of Harriet Emerson, 1899
Chelmsford valuation/tax lists; "Vital Statistics to 1855"; Directory 1915. 1922
Record of death, Benjamin Dudley: Town clerk's office
Chelmsford Assessors' records
Mrs. Chester Flavell (Corinne House); Mrs. Charles A. House
Middlesex North Dist. Reg. Deeds:
Plan Bk. M, Plan 77
Bk. 13, pg. 445: Wm. Byam to Benjamin Dudley, 1836
Bk. 11, pg. 361: Ezekiel Byam to Benjamin Dudley, 1855
Bk. 22, pg. 557: Heirs of Benj. Dudley to Henry H. Emerson, 1890

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION IEE

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Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 222
Property Name: B. Dudley House	

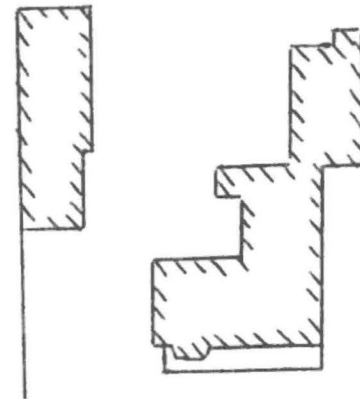
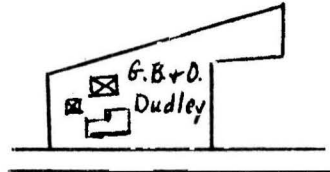
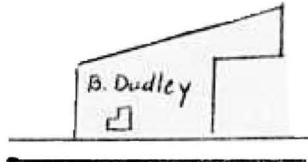
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3. Altered:

1875 Beers Atlas

1889 Atlas

Book M, Plan 77 - 1912

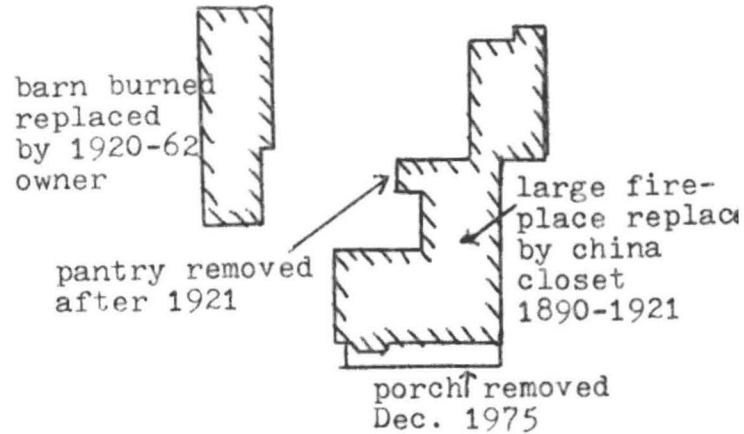
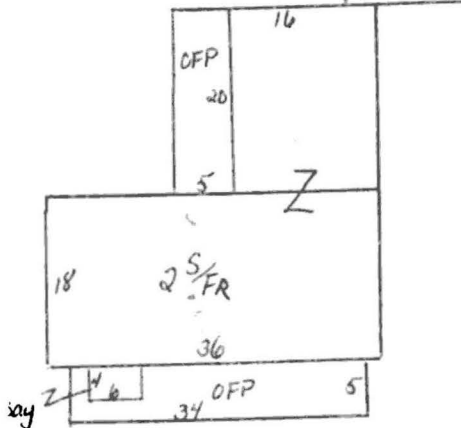
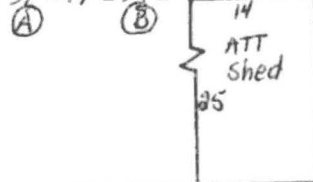


Scale: 20 rods = 1 inch

Scale: 40 ft. = 1 inch

Revaluation Sheet

5/27/1971



A Garage:
2 story frame/loft
24x31

B Shed:
1 story, 20x37

Apartments:

until ca 1890	1 family
ca 1890 - ca 1921	2 families
1 for son: 2nd floor of ell	
1 bedroom converted to kitchen	
1921 - 1962	1 family
1963 - present	2 families

able to Inventory form at bottom

330 Acton Road

Book 2059, pg. 582	4/11/1973	Arthur C. & Antoinette R. Jones to Robert W. & Edith F. Jones \$33,500 land & buildings thereon
Book 1610, pg. 326	7/16/1963	Claude J. & Etta M. Harvey to Arthur C. & Antoinette R. Jones land & buildings thereon
Book 1562, pg. 534	7/ 5/1962	Estate of Arthur W. House to Claude J. & Etta M. Harvey \$8500 land and buildings thereon
Book 646, pg. 228	6/30/1921	Louise F. Emerson to Arthur W. & Corinne M. House land & buildings thereon "remaining portion"
Book 502, pg. 557	2/20/1913	Henry H. Emerson to Louise F. Emerson land & buildings thereon
Book 22, pg. 557	9/ 2/1890	Heirs of Benjamin Dudley to Henry H. Emerson, Needham land & buildings thereon "part of real estate descending to" them
Book 13, pg. 445	5/31/1836	William Byam to Benjamin Dudley, cordwainer 54 rods land



330 Acton Road
"Emerson Home"

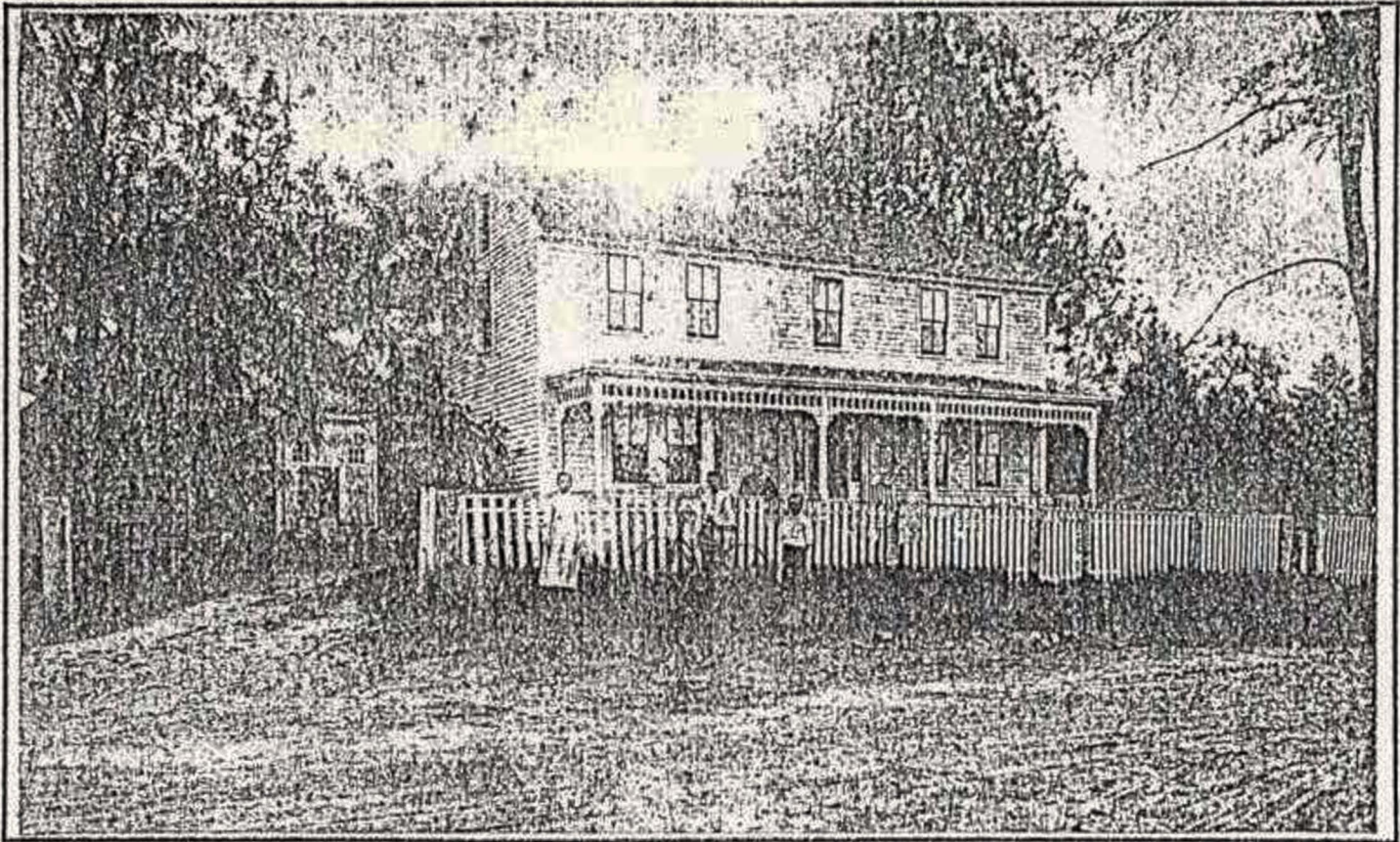
Original pictures owned
by Harold Perham, 1976



320 Acton Road
"Emerson Store"

Harriet Emerson lived at 330 Acton Road with her parents, Henry and Louisa (Chamberlain)Emerson . She was 17 years old at the time of the diary. John was her brother. At about the age of 30 she married Arnold Perham, and they had two children, Harold and Louise. Harriet died in 1919 of influenza, tired from successfully nursing her family through the same disease. This information was given by Stella Perham, wife of Harold Perham and the 1976 owner of the diary.

- Feb. 10, 1899 Went to the waiting room this afternoon to take a car for Chelmsford at 2:05. It did not arrive until about 2:35 and we got out to Chelmsford at 3:45.
- Apr. 16, 1899 Cleaned my long closet today
- Apr. 16, 1899 Cleaned the spare room today and worked on my shirtwaist in afternoon.
- Apr. 29, 1899 Cleaned John's closet today.
- June 2, 1899 They let us out this morning at 10:15 to see the circus procession. It did not come until 11:15 and as the cars were late, I did not get home until nearly 1 o'clock.
- June 26, 1899 I put up the muslin curtains in the spare room this afternoon. They look very pretty.
- July 25, 1899 I swept the sitting room and began to finish the closet.
- July 26, 1899 I have been working on the sitting room closet nearly all day and I am very glad to say that I have finished it.
- Aug. 2, 1899 About 4 this afternoon I went up to Grace Mansfield's for we are on a committee for food for our trip (to Salisbury Beach).
- Sun. Aug. 13, 1899 Went to S. S. today. There was a baptism at the pond after S. S. today and old () Bickford and Mrs. Howard Sweetser were baptised.
- I went up to Lowell with Papa this morning. He went in to sell eggs.
- Sept.21, 1899 Mamma has been down to the store nearly all day. I got dinner. (Comment by S . Perham: Store was in So. Chelmsford on the same side of the st. & a few doors north of the house
- Oct. 5, 1899 I am sitting out on the piazza. I can not probably do this many time more this fall. I am almost sorry the summer has gone so soon with all its pleasures.
- Oct. 20, 1899 Eighteen today and what a happy day it has been.....I have been working on my scrapbook this afternoon.
- Oct. 23, 1899 Mamma and I took up the dining-room carpet and cleaned the room today. Mr. Greeley came and tuned my piano. It sounds much better.



F. J. TAYLOR, Cambridgeport, Mass.

Acton Road H.H. Emerson House (Benj Dudley)





8/8/2004 F. Merriam





330 Acton Road

11/3/2006 F. Merriam