

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

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1. Town CHELMSFORD
Address 43 ACTON ROAD
Name _____
Present use SINGLE FAMILY
RESIDENCE
Present owner GEORGE AND THERESA
ALLEN

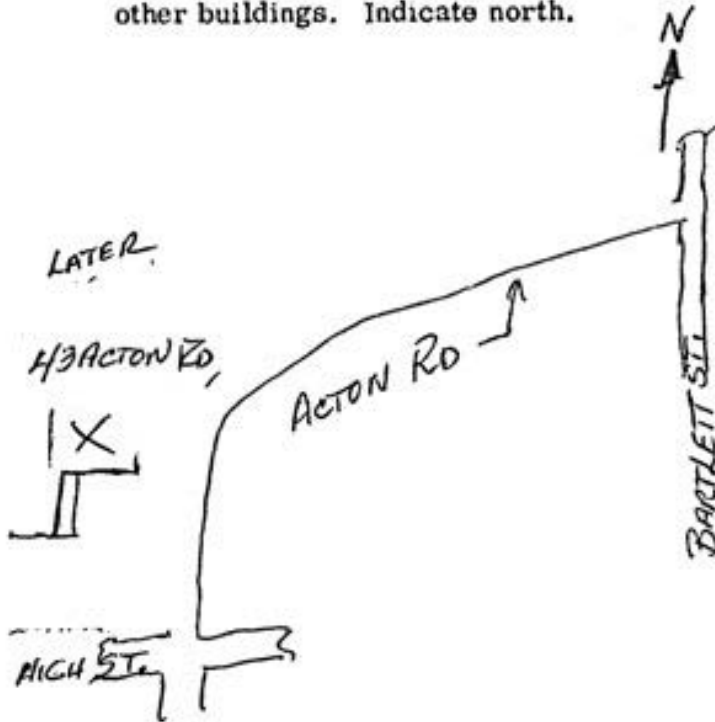
3. Description:
Date 1890
Source LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL
MAY 16, 1890 THRU NOV. 28 1890
Style VENACULAR ITALIANATE
Architect NONE
Exterior wall fabric CLAPBOARDS
Outbuildings (describe) _____
Other features _____

Altered ROOM ADDED
RIGHT REAR Date C. 1975
Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 51,388 FT²
One acre or less _____ Over one acre X
Approximate frontage ~ 150 FT
Approximate distance of building from street
~ 40 FT

6. Recorded by J.P. RICHARDSON
Organization CHELMSFORD HIST COMMISSION
Date AUGUST 29, 1983

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) WILLIAM H. JEFTS
Original use RESIDENCE
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates SAME

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

MR. JEFTS, WHO IS THE ORIGINAL OWNER, WAS A BRASS MOULDER IN THE FOUNDRY DEPARTMENT OF THE LOWELL MACHINE SHOP FOR OVER 40 YEARS. HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THAT TIME.

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

LOWELL COURIER - CITIZEN JULY 11, 1915
LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 16, 1890, NOV 28, 1890

Lowell Weekly Journal

May 16, 1890 - Wm. H. Jefts, contractor at the Lowell Machine shop, has bought of Paul F. Litchfield a building lot on the Acton street near the premises of F.G. Pratt. It is understood that Mr. Jefts will soon build a dwelling house and make his home in Chelmsford.

July 25, 1890 - Wm. Jefts has the batters up for his house on Acton street.

Aug. 1, 1890 - Building notes: The cellar of Charles E. Bartlett's new house near his father's residence is practically finished; the work being in charge of R.W. Dix who has a like contract from Mr. Jeft's house on Acton street. The contract to build Mr. Bartlett's house has been given to Charles E. Parkhurst while A.W. Holt will construct Mr. Jeft's dwelling.

Aug. 15, 1890 - Carpenters have begun work on Mr. Jeft's new house on Acton street.

Nov. 28, 1890 - Wm. Jefts & family are now domiciled in their pleasant home on Acton street.

Lowell Courier-Citizen

July 11, 1915 - William Henry Jefts, a resident of Chelmsford for many years, died at his home on the Acton road today after a long period of failing health. His age was 87 years. Mr. Jefts was born in Billerica April 19, 1828, his parents moving to Lowell when he was 3 years old, where he made his home until he came to Chelmsford in 1890. For 40 years he was connected with the foundry department of the Lowell Machine shop, being in charge for a considerable part of that time. He retired from active business about 20 years ago and has since lived quietly at his home here. He was one of the oldest members of the Kentucket lodge, A.F. and A.M. and also of Mt. Horab Royal Arch Chapter. Besides his wife he leaves a son, Alfred A. Jefts, and a daughter, Mrs. Winthrop A. Parkhurst, both of Chelmsford; also three grandchildren.

