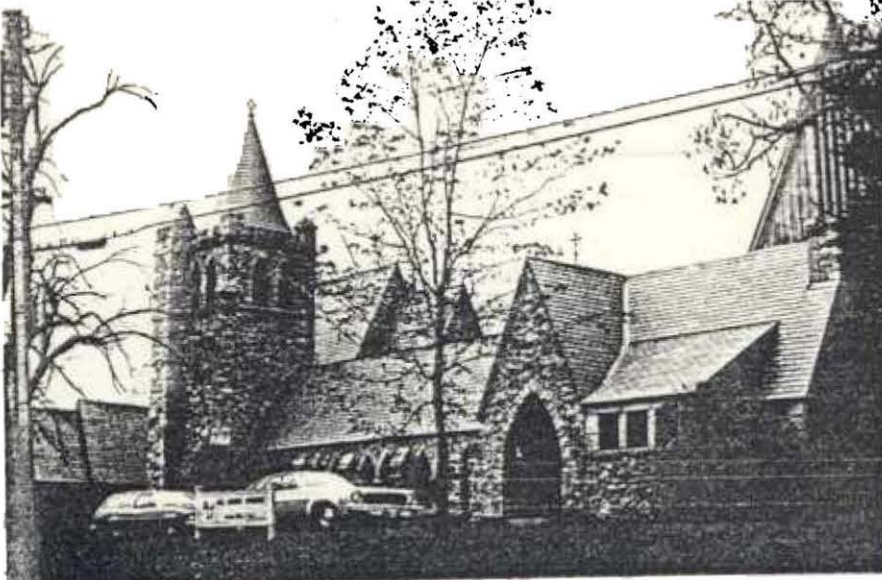


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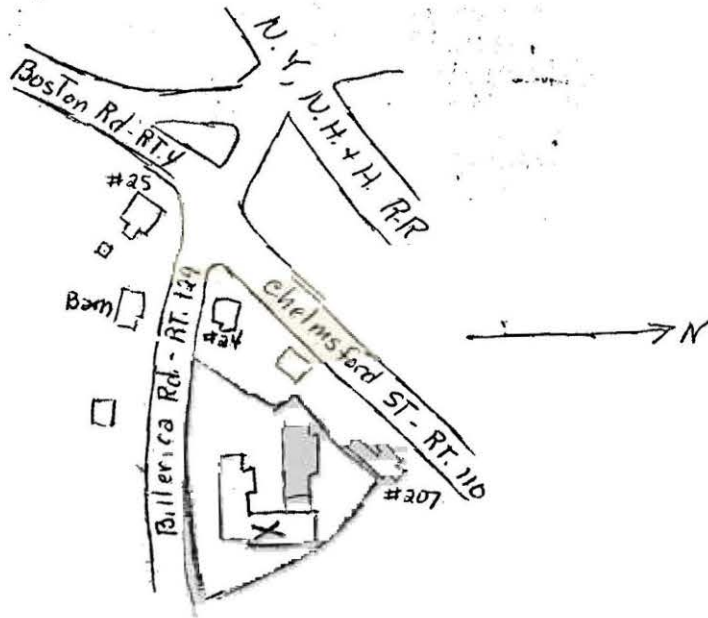
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. Chelmsford Center	Form no. 247
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Town Chelmsford
Address 10 Billerica Road
Name All Saints' Episcopal Church
Present use church
Present owner All Saints' Parish,
Episcopal Church
Description _____
Date 1879-1882
Source Waters, "History of Chelms."
Style _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric stone, except new
sanctuary - board & batten
Outbuildings (describe) attached parish house
Other features _____

Altered see attached Date _____
Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: 66,682 sq. ft.
One acre or less Over one acre X
Approximate frontage ca 360 ft.
Approximate distance of building from street
ca 45 ft.

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury
Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission
Date March 7, 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Bishop & Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church

Original use church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	Conservation	Recreation	
Agricultural	Education	Religion	x
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)

Through the efforts of Miss Eliza Hunt & Dr. Theodore Edson, rector of St. Anne's Church in Lowell, the Chelmsford parish was formally organized on May 20, 1867 under the name of Parish of St. Anne (changed in 1888 to All Saints'). The following year the property was purchased and services held in the Emmanuel Chapel at 6 Billerica Rd. (#24). The cornerstone of the church building was laid Nov. 5, 1879, and on Dec. 20, 1882 the building was dedicated.

In 1892 the Rev. Wilson Waters accepted the rectorship, and he remained here until his death in 1933 at the age of 78, making himself a unique place in the town & church. He was for years the librarian of the Lowell Historical Society and was an organizer of the Chelmsford Historical Society. He became the town historian following the death of Mr. Henry Perham and completed the History of Chelmsford (1917), begun by Mr. Perham.

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

Chelmsford Assessors' records
1889 Atlas, 1875 Beers' Atlas
Waters, "History of Chelmsford," 1917
Chelmsford Eagle: Dec. 15, 1883; Jan. 1, 1876
Chelmsford Newsweekly, 1955
Mrs. Paul Twelves
Lowell Courier-Citizen: Jan. 14, 1912; Dec. 8, 1912

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 247
Property Name: All Saints' Church	

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

3. Description, altered

- 1888 - tower completed
- 1895 - guild room finished
- 1897 - cloister and old study built
- 1903 - gas installed
- 1905 - organ chamber built
- 1945 - guild room remodelled by Men's Club
- 1952 - Parish house dedicated
designer - J. Walter Malloy
engineer - Edward Hoyt
both were church members

parish house is attached to the left rear of the church
sides - shingled

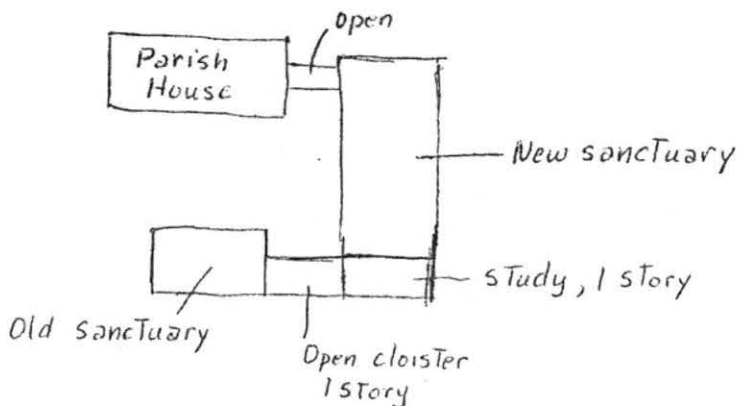
left end - stone, matching old church, cloister, etc.

- 1960 - cornerstone for new sanctuary laid
board & batten construction

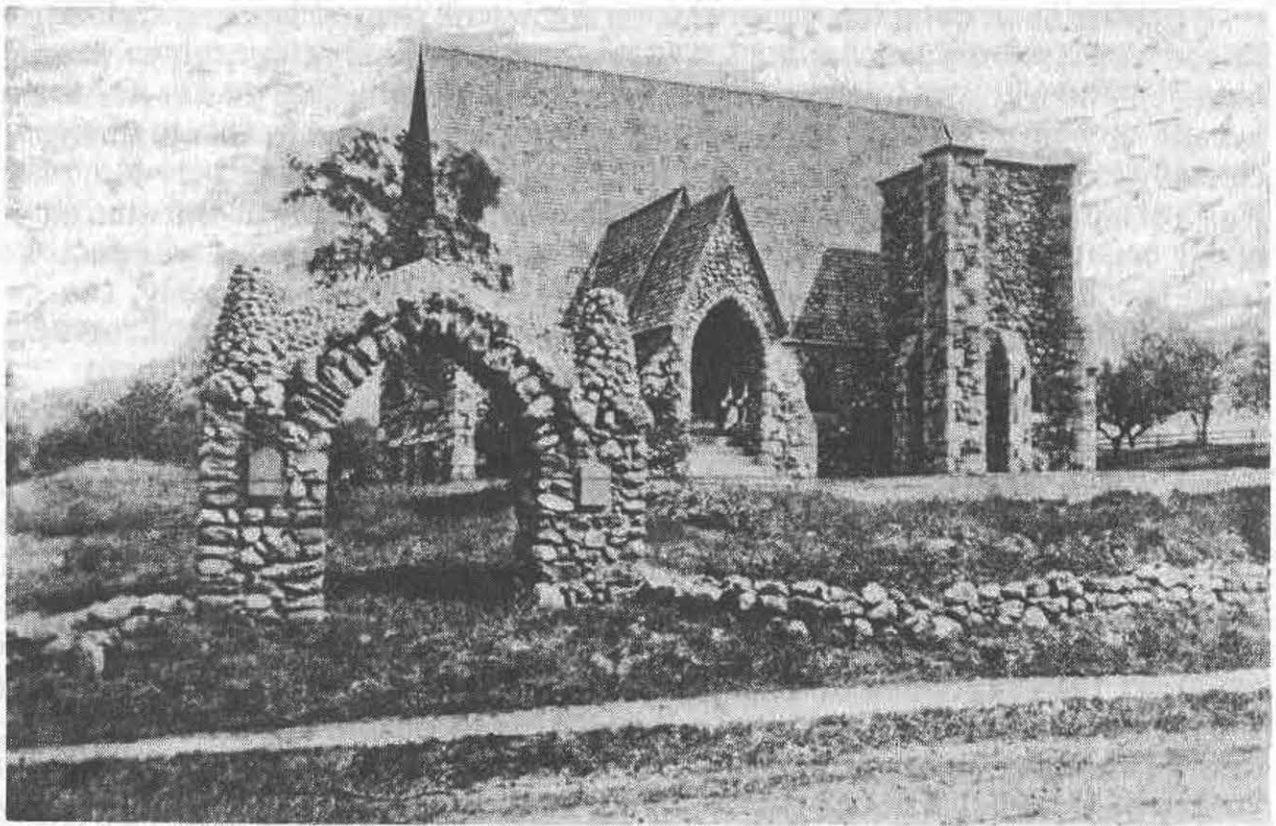
The old sanctuary became the present small chapel beside Billerica Rd. Only doorway changes were made in it.

Ceiling in the old study was removed, uncovering a very nice fieldstone fireplace.

Rough sketch, March 1977

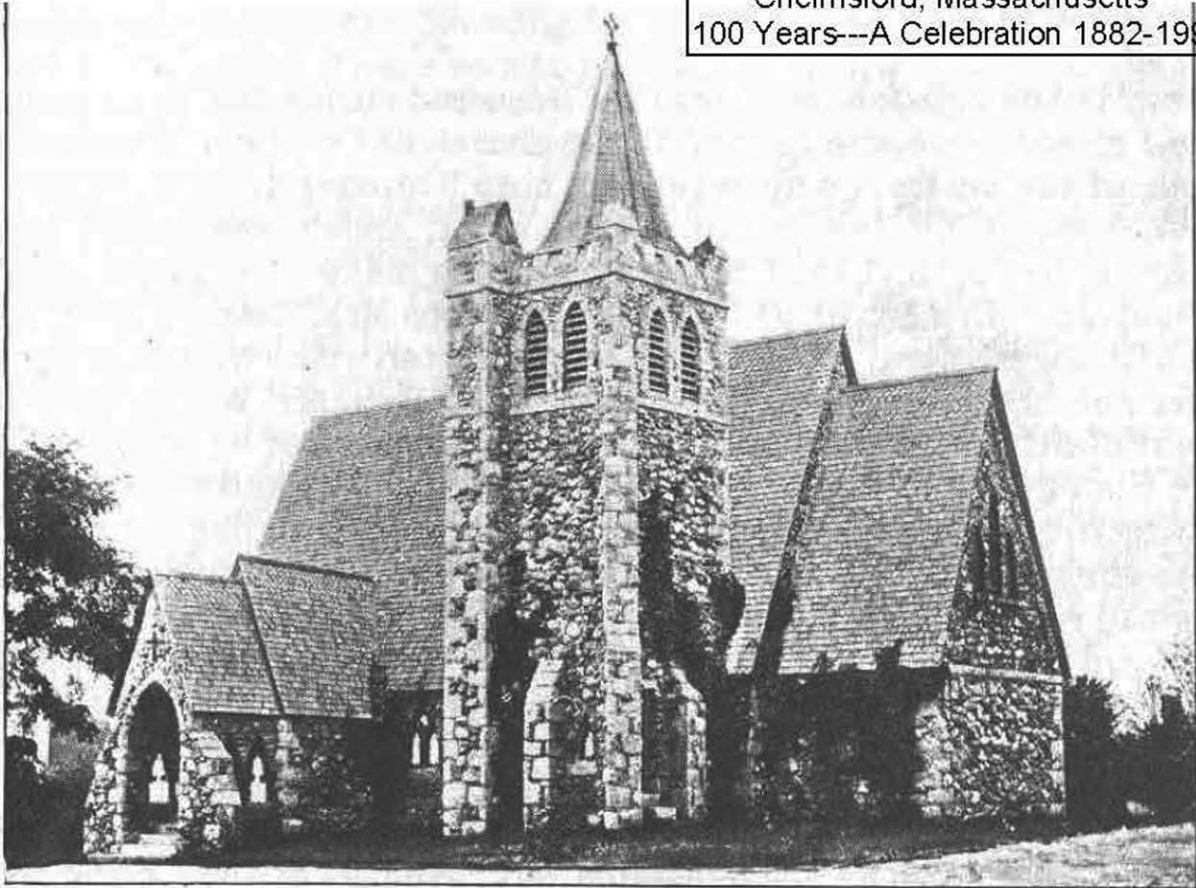


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All Saints' Church, circa 1885. The rudimentary stone wall beside the lychgate gives testimony to the fact that the gate indeed at one time was intended to be functional.

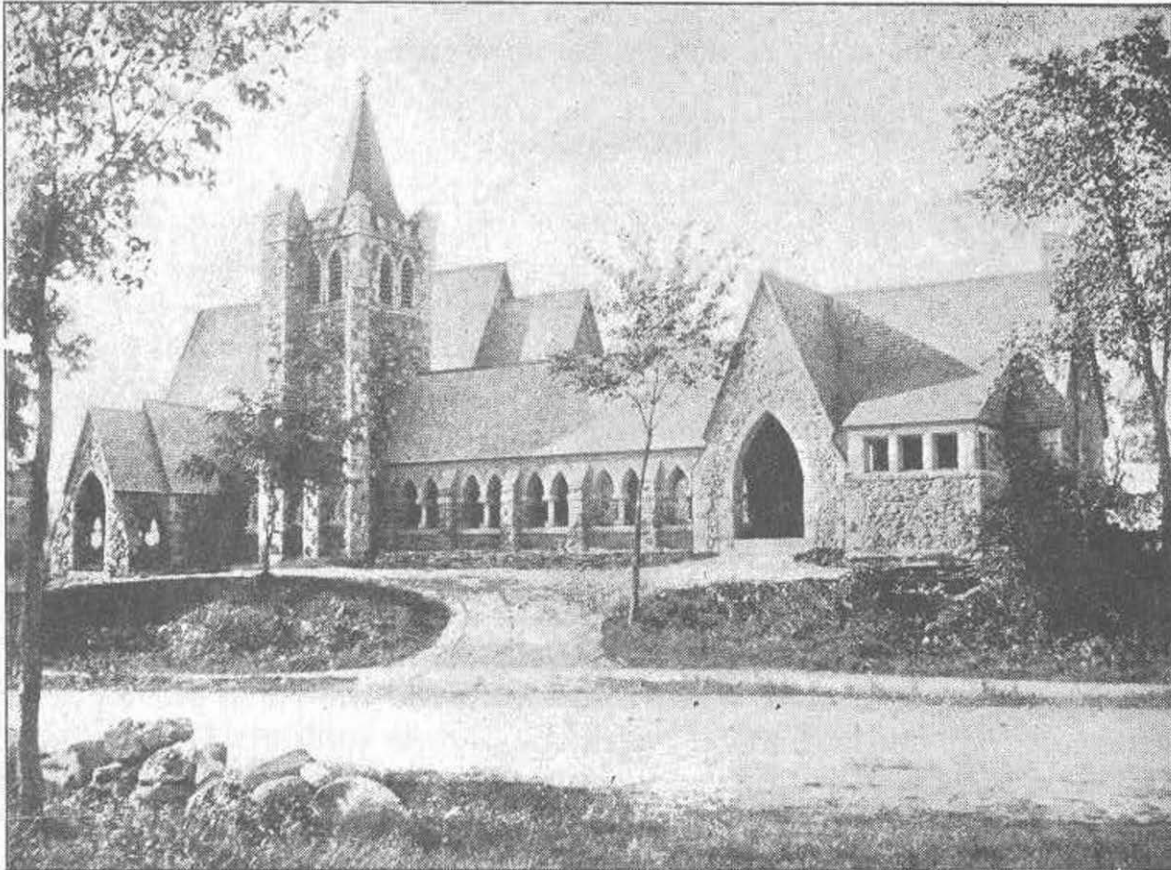
From
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100 Years--A Celebration 1882-1992'



Southeast view of the church, about 1890, showing the new bell tower.

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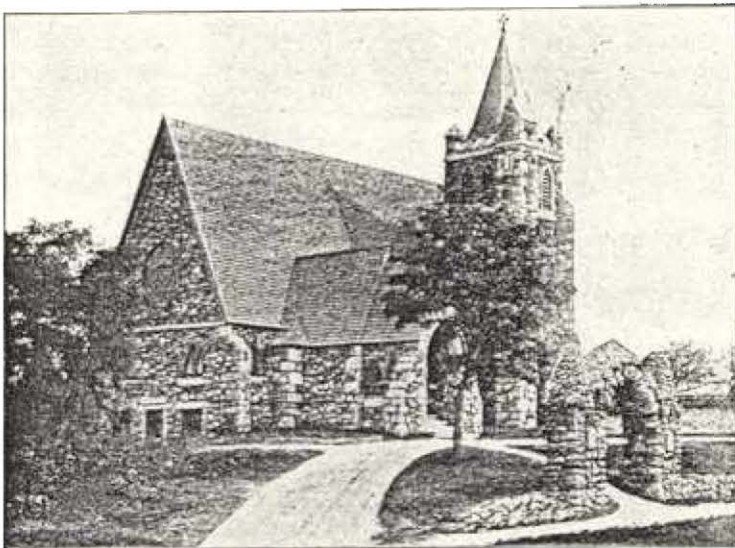
All Saints' Church with completed cloister and study, about 1900.

Courtesy of Harry Taplin

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHELMSFORD.

This parish was originally a mission of St. Anne's, Lowell. The Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., held the first services in the Centre Village on

July 15, 1860, being the Sixth Sunday after Trinity. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Elizabeth M. Edson. These services were in what was known as the brick schoolhouse, at 11 A. M. and 1 P. M. There were thirty-seven persons present, including the families of Dr. Howard and Dr. Dalton. Dr. Edson declined an invitation to dine at the house of the latter, in order that he might remain and catechise the children and give instruction on the Collect for the Day. The bread thus cast upon the waters



VIEW OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

returned after many days, for some of the young people of various religious training, who were present, were afterwards baptized and confirmed in the parish of All Saints.

Of the various missionary enterprises of Dr. Edson, Chelmsford was that in which he was most interested from the start. In the various members of the Hunt family he had efficient co-workers, especially in Miss Anna Eliza Hunt. On various occasions he went from Lowell and officiated in Chelmsford. He also sent out on different Sundays the Rev. George Fisher, the Rev. Andrew Crosswell, during the Summer, and later the Rev. N. G. Allen (son of the historian of Chelmsford); still later the Rev. Dr. Hoppin of Cambridge. The Rev. Cornelius B. Smith also officiated, the Rev. Dr. C. L. Hutchins, Mr. Henry Hovey, and perhaps others.

May 13, 1867, a warrant was issued by Benjamin Walker, Esq., Justice of the Peace, to Samuel C.

Hunt, for the purpose of organizing a corporate parish. The applicants were Samuel C. Hunt, George A. Howard, George W. Gaymonds, Adams Chamberlin, Thomas M. Gerrish, Samuel L. Byam, Albert C. Harris, Lafayette Ward, Everett E. Lapham, and John H. Hunt.

A meeting was held on May 20, at the Town Hall. After divine service, the Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., and the Rev. Charles L. Hutchins officiating, assisted by the choir of St. Anne's, the meeting was called to order by Benjamin Walker, Esq., and the following officers chosen and sworn: Moderator, Samuel C. Hunt; Clerk and Treasurer, John H. Hunt.

Samuel C. Hunt was elected Senior Warden; Albert C. Harris was elected Junior Warden. George A. Howard, George W. Gaymonds, Samuel L. Byam, Everett E. Lapham, and Thomas M. Gerrish, were elected Vestrymen. The parish was named St. Anne's (afterwards changed to All Saints').

Bishop Clark of Rhode Island held the first confirmation June 17, 1867.

Through the exertions of Miss A. E. Hunt the parish came into possession of a parsonage and glebe of five acres of land at the centre of the village. Part of the building was fitted up as a chapel (called Emmanuel Chapel), where services were held. From 1871 to 1875 Dr. Edson had a list printed for the year, showing what clergyman or lay reader would officiate each Sunday, the Holy Communion being celebrated once a month by the Rectors of St. Anne's and St. John's. These contain the names of the Rev. Dr. Edson, the Rev. D. C. Roberts, the Rev. L. C. Manchester; Messrs. Fred Taylor, I. W. Beard, C. Eastman, A. Gilman, Jr., C. H. Abbott, Dr. L. W. Hixon, H. A. Kittredge, Edgar L. Fay, George W. Wiggin, Henry J. Fay, H. P. Webber, Fred Fay, J. S. Russell, S. Russell Kitchen, F. H. Coggeshall, Dr. Warner, John Coggeshall, and A. Gilman.

The Rev. Dr. Lambert, of Charlestown, also officiated in Chelmsford.

July 8, 1875, the Rev. B. F. Cooley took charge of the services. In November, 1878, he resigned, and went to the Church of Atonement, Westfield,

for nine months, when he returned, and was again made Rector, and remained until the year following, when sickness obliged him to give up the work.

He planned and partly built the unique and beautiful stone edifice, All Saints' Church, the corner stone being laid Nov. 5, 1879. The order of services for the consecration of the church-yard and for the laying of the corner stone was printed and used by those present. The church was consecrated by Bishop Paddock, Dec. 20, 1882. The tower was completed in 1888 in memory of Dr. Edson, chiefly by the generosity of his daughter, Miss E. M. Edson.

In 1881 the Rev. J. J. Cressy became Rector, and continued until the close of the year 1887. From 1888 the Rev. A. Q. Davis was Rector until 1892.

THE REV. WILSON WATERS

Became Rector, Dec. 5, 1892, having officiated for two months previous to that time.

The Rev. Wilson Waters was born at Marietta, Ohio, where, for more than forty years, his father was actively engaged in banking and numerous large business enterprises. He was educated in the schools of that city and in Marietta College, where he received the degree of Master of Arts, which degree has also been conferred on him by Trinity College. After graduation he spent a year in foreign travel and was for some time Cashier of the Bank of Marietta. In his parish church he was active as Vestryman and Choir-master. Mr. Waters is the author of "The History of St. Luke's Church, Marietta, Ohio," of which Bishop Perry speaks appreciatively in his Centennial History of the American Church.

Mr. Waters has also compiled a "Genealogy of the Waters Family of Marietta, Ohio," tracing his ancestry to James Waters of St. Botolph without Aldgate, citizen and ironmonger of London, who died in 1617, and whose son Richard, the first to come to this country, settled in Salem as early as 1636. His paternal line is also traced to John Richmond of Taunton, baptized in Wiltshire, England, in 1597, and to Governor William Bradford of the Mayflower. On his mother's side he is descended from Major General Artemas Ward, who preceded Washington as Commander-in-chief. The Ward homestead in Shrewsbury has been in the family for nearly two hundred years. The maternal line is traced to the Grosvenors of Connecticut, descended from Gilbert de Grosvenor, nephew of William the Conqueror. Through Major General Ward the ancestry goes back to John Cotton and

Increase Mather, and to John Alden of the Mayflower. It is further traced for eight or ten generations in the Plympton, Denny, and Henshaw families, and through the latter, nineteen generations to Edward III., King of England.

In 1887 Mr. Waters went to Cambridge, Mass., and spent three years at the Episcopal Theological School, where he was awarded the Pierre-Jay prize, and received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Paddock, June 20, 1890; and Priest April 19, 1891, by Bishop Potter, at Tarrytown, New York. In the Summer of 1890, during the Rector's absence in Europe, Mr. Waters had charge of Grace Church, Newton. In the following November he came to St. Anne's, Lowell, as curate, remaining two years. In December, 1892, he became Rector of All Saints', Chelmsford, and two years later Priest-in-charge of the House of Prayer, Lowell, both of which positions he now holds. In April, 1890, Mr. Waters became



REV. WILSON WATERS.

a member of the Massachusetts State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is Chaplain of the Old Middlesex Chapter at Lowell.

Work has begun on a new rectory and cloisters. In 1894 the basement of the church was handsomely finished and is used as a Guild Room.

The present officers are:

Senior Warden, Alexander B. Paasche; Junior Warden, Stephen Russell Kitchen.

Vestrymen, Alfred B. Paasche, Charles D. Clark, W. F. Putney, Charles Usher.

Clerk, Alfred B. Paasche.

Treasurer, Charles D. Clark.

All Saints' Guild and a Chapter of the Girls' Friendly Society are active parish agencies.

The Bible class, begun by Miss A. E. Hunt on the day of Dr. Edson's first service, was continued by her and was the means of adding many to the congregation. She has ever since been a most devoted member of All Saints' Church.

The church is built of field stones, gathered in the neighborhood. The orientation of the building is exact.

The interior of the church, with its stone walls and pillars supporting the noble chancel arch, its stained glass windows and handsome furniture and furnishings, as well as its attractive exterior, have given this the name of being the most beautiful rural sanctuary in the diocese. The furniture and altar ornaments are all memorial gifts, as well as the windows. The altar cross was a gift sent from England.

All Saints' Church

Lowell Daily Courier

Oct. 11, 1879 - The Episcopal society of this village has broken ground for a new chapel which will be located a few rods east of the present one. A part of the real estate belonging to the society is now on the market.

Nov. 6, 1879 Laying the Corner Stone of All Saints Church at
Chelmsford Center.

Quite a number of Episcopalians of this city and of Methuen, Dracut, Billerica and other towns attended the exercises on Wednesday of laying the corner stone of the stone church to be erected by the members of the denomination of that town. The present church is a wooden building on the northerly corner of the 5 acre lot belonging to the parish, at the intersection of the Lowell and Carlisle roads, opposite the town hall. The new church building is to be on the southerly side of the lot.

Previous to the consecration of the church, the cemetery, occupying about an acre and a half of the lot, was consecrated. A procession led by the wardens of the church, who were followed by the sisters of St. Mary's orphanage, the choir for the occasion, the officiating clergymen and parishioners, in their order, marched over the ground consecrated for use as a burial ground....

In the laying of the cornerstone, which immediately followed, Rev. Dr. Edson also officiated....

After the exercises those present at the exercises were entertained with a bountiful and excellent collation at the town hall.

Lowell Weekly Journal

April 20, 1888 - The Episcopal society has begun the season's work of improvement by grading the west side of the grounds. It is also intended to place a tower upon the church this season; the funds for the work being already provided.

June 15, 1888 - Work is in progress upon the new belfry tower of the Episcopal church. The bell has for some time been in the possession of the society, and soon three of the four village churches will come the call to praise and prayer. The mason work upon the tower is in charge of Joseph Potts.

July 20, 1888 - The tower of the Episcopal church was completed last week and adds much to the appearance of the edifice. It was constructed according to plans made by Merrill & Cutler of Lowell. The cross which surmounts it was a gift of Mr. J.W. Fiske of New York.

Oct. 21, 1892 - It is expected that there will now be regular Sunday services at the Episcopal church. Rev. Wilson Waters of Lowell will occupy the desk and has taken rooms at the Central house.

Lowell Weekly Journal:

April 26, 1895 - The formal dedication of the Guild room of All Saints' church will take place Friday evening, 26th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Aug. 28, 1896 - All Saints' church.....plans for a rectory have been drawn by Mr. John Galen Howard, of Howard & Caudwell, architects, New York, and work will begin at once on the new building. It is to be of stone to harmonize with the church, and will be built on the east side of the church and connected with it by a cloister.

Sept. 11, 1896 - The ground is being graded for All Saints' rectory.

June 4, 1897 - The mason work is progressing upon the new study, porch and cloister of All Saints' church.

June 12, 1910- The sermon at All Saints church today was preached by Rev. Wilson Waters, who spoke of two events which are being commemorated in All Saints: his own ordination 20 years ago and the first service held in the village 50 years ago.....

I was ordained deacon in Saint John's chapel, Cambridge by Bishop Paddock June 20, 1890.....April 19, 1891 I was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Potter at Tarrytown, N.Y., in the church where Washington Irving worshippedCompleting my work at St. Anne's, Lowell, in the fall of 1892, I one day walked to Chelmsford and saw the beautiful church, met Mr. Paasche and Miss Hunt, and on invitation of the parish became rector, Dec. 5, 1892.....

Looking back 50 years to the beginnings of the church here, we recognize the fact that to Miss Anna Eliza Hunt, assisted by her family, is due the credit of planting the church in this village. She took advantage of the religious condition of the village to begin a Sunday school for the children whom she could gather in the parlors of her friends and in the old town hall (the basement of the meeting house) and instructed them in the Bible and prayer book. She invited Dr. Edson, rector of St. Anne's, Lowell, to hold a service which he did on July 15, 1860, being the sixth Sunday after Trinity, in the old brick school house in Forefathers' cemetery.

He had a pleasant interview with the Unitarian minister, and was invited to preach (as he had done here on Fast Day of that year), but declined for the few church people did not wish to forego their service.

Time forbids us to go over the interesting events of the next few years, the work of Dr. Edson, Dr. Hutchins, Dr. Roberts and many good laymen and women. In 1863 the present church property was purchased and a chapel fitted up in the present rectory, called Emmanuel chapel. The parish was organized May 20, 1867, and first known as St. Anne's, afterwards (1888), changed to All Saints. The first confirmation was held by Bishop Clark of Rhode Island, June 17, 1867. The corner stone of the church was laid Nov. 5, 1879, and the building was all paid for and consecrated by Bishop Paddock Dec. 20, 1882. The tower was completed in 1888 in memory of Dr. Edson. The parish has had good and generous members and friends. There have been four rectors, Messrs. Cooley, Cressy and Davis, and myself.....

Jan. 5, 1911 - Amos Francis Adams died Wednesday morning at his home, 37 Park avenue, Newton. He was born in 1842, in the old Charles Adams place in the southern part of the town. He went to school here and was for a time at the Appleton academy in New Ipswich.

Going to Boston in 1862, he obtained employment in the Quincy market. He entered the commission business in 1866, and finally became the senior member of the firm of Adams & Chapman, commission merchants in North Market street. He married Miss Alice Wellington.

He was something of a Nimrod, and had his guns and dogs and loved to go to the West on a hunting trip. Most good men have good mothers, and the mother of Amos Francis Adams was a good and lovely woman. He was a handsome, well built man, and very seeable affable. He gave generously when appealed to for good objects, and was interested in the progress and betterment of his native town. He have liberally to the organ in the Unitarian church, and also to the erection of one bay in the cloister of All Saints' church.

In other instances he manifested his interest in the improvement of the town. His great gift to his native place is the Adams library, which will for many generations stand as a testimonial to his love for Chelmsford and to his generosity, guided by wisdom. Perhaps no gift which Mr. Adams could have made would have been of more lasting benefit to the people of the town, and the building itself will stand the test of time, being of excellent architecture.

All Saints' Episcopal Church
Chelmsford Newsweekly (1955)

Although the Puritan founding-fathers sought by establishing the Congregational churches in America to change or purify certain principles of the Church of England, they were not altogether hostile toward it or its ministers. The Rev. Ebenezer Bridge writes pleasantly of entertaining several men who were ordained in or sympathizers with the Anglican Church while he also expresses considerable distaste for the lay preachers of the "New Lights", for example who were beginning to attract a rather sizable following in Chelmsford and elsewhere.

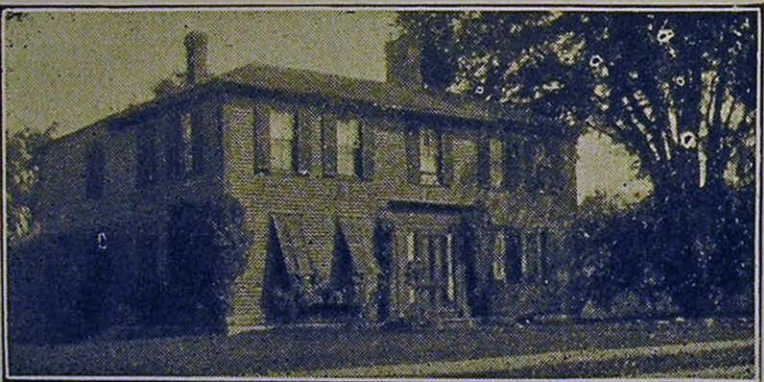
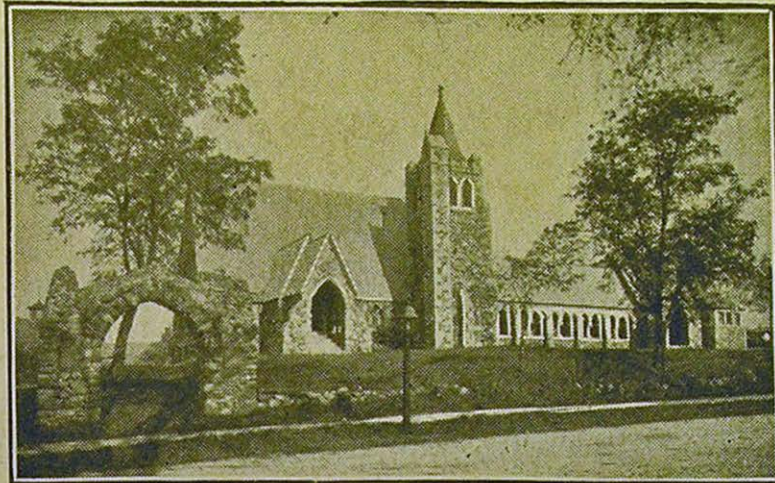
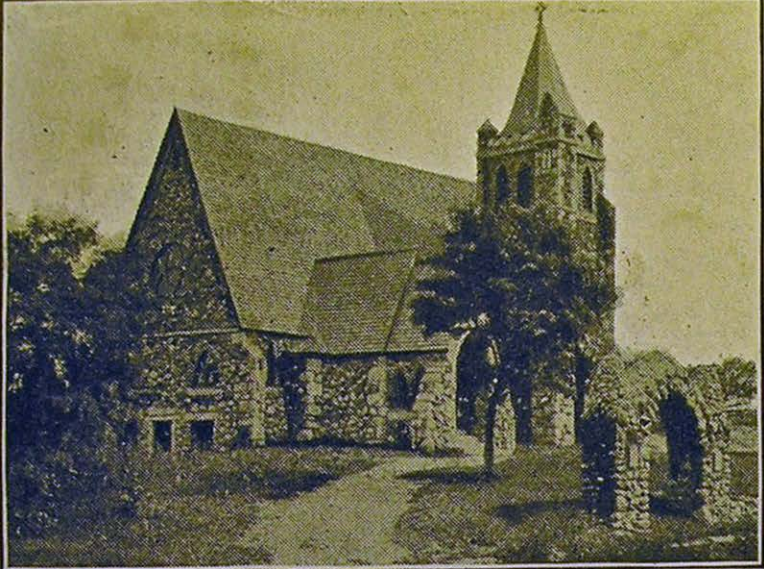
About 1850.....nearly 25 years after St. Anne's Church had been built by the Merrimack Manufacturing Co. in what is now Lowell for the benefit of workers in its mills in East Chelmsford.....Miss Anna Eliza Hunt attempted to spread religious education among the young people of the town by starting a Bible class which met at the Proctor house (47 Proctor Road) in South Chelmsford, at Mrs. Eliza Fiske's in Central Square, and then in the old brick schoolhouse in Forefathers' Cemetery, still standing. There, in 1860, Dr. Theodore Edson of St. Anne's held the first Episcopal service on July 18, and thereafter services continued quite regularly by various clergymen among whom was the Rev. N.G. Allen, son of the Rev. Wilkes Allen, first historian of the town and minister of the First Parish Congregational Church. In 1867, at a meeting in the Old Town Hall....then the basement of the Unitarian church....the parish of All Saints, at first called St. Anne's.....was organized. The officers elected were: Samuel C. Hunt, senior warden; Albert C. Harris, junior warden; John H. Hunt, clerk and treasurer. The vestrymen were: George A. Howard, George W. Gaymonds, Samuel L. Byam, Everett E. Lapham, Thomas M. Gerrish.

In 1868, property belonging to the Rev. Horace W. Morse, then the Unitarian minister, was purchased at the corner of Chelmsford and Billerica Streets. In their former home, now the rectory, was set up Emmanuel Chapel, where services were held until the present church building was consecrated in 1882. This chapel occupied the two downstairs rooms on the side of the house toward Lowell. The floor was carpeted in red and there were yellow settees for the congregation. The choir was directed for a time by Mrs. Elizabeth (Byam) Mansfield, who played the small parlor organ; she was followed by Miss Emma Paasche as organist.

The tower was completed in 1888, in memory of Dr. Edson. The stained glass window in the chancel depicting the return of the Prodigal Son was exhibited at the Philadelphia Exposition in 1876 and later purchased for the church by Dr. Waters. In 1897, through his efforts, the cloister and Old Study were added. Two years later, the organ was built, the gift of Mr. Frederick Fanning Ayer of Lowell. In 1939, a new altar and reredos were installed, given in memory of Charles Danforth Clark, clerk, treasurer and warden of All Saints' Church, 1877-1907, and of his wife, Charlotte Clark. At the same time a new reredos was given by members of the parish and friends of Dr. Waters, the late rector, in his memory, and the credence table was given by Ida and Araminta Paasche in memory of their father, Alexander B. Paasche, who was junior warden (1876-7) and senior warden (1897-1909). The Men's Club rebuilt the Guild Room in 1945 and completed a new kindergarten room in 1951. In the early 1930's, the Women's Guild had begun planning and working toward the erection of a Parish house and this building was dedicated in November, 1952 during the rectorship of the Rev. John Balcom. Its designer was J. Walter Malloy, and the engineer, Edward Hoyt, both members of the church.

Rectors of All Saints' Church: The Rev. Benjamin F. Cooley, 1875-1880; The Rev. J.J. Cressy, 1881-1887; The Rev. A.D. Davis, 1888-1892; The Rev. Wilson Waters, D.D. 1892-1933; The Rev. David W. Norton, 1934-1937; The Rev. Charles W. Henry, 1937-1947; The Rev. John Balcom, 1948-1954; The Rev. Paul D. Twelves, 1954- .





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