

**FORM B - BUILDING**

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

In Area no. Chelmsford Center	Form no. 229
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town Chelmsford

Address 2 Bridge Street

Name Patrick Haley House

Present use residence -single family

Present owner Douglas & Margaret Dunn

Description:

Date 1880 - 2

Source tax/real estate valuation list

Style vernacular

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric butted clapboard  
(former barn)

Outbuildings (describe) garage-right side

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

1 fireplace on 1 chimney

Altered see attached Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

14,581 sq. ft

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage 139.68 ft.

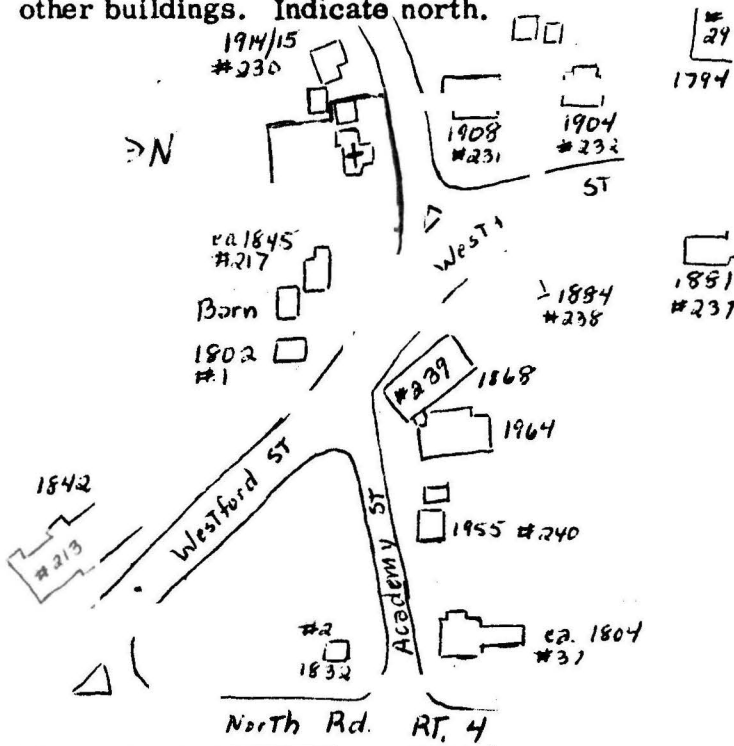
Approximate distance of building from street  
ca 10 ft.

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission

Date April 21, 1978

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) Daniel Haley (d. ca 1923)

Original use residence - single 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)

During the 1800s "several families of colored people" lived on "the lane" (now known as Bridge St., named after the 4th minister, Rev. Ebenezer Bridge). A small one story cottage occupied by Peter Fields stood on or near the site of 2 Bridge St. since the 1830s.

Daniel Haley was the first owner of the present house, the erection of the main part (middle) of which was started in 1880 and apparently completed in 1882. However, he and his wife did not actually move in until 1883. Daniel was a "laborer"; he and his wife, Bridget, came here from Dracut but were originally from Ireland.

In 1904 one of their sons, Patrick H. Haley, (Daniel E. built #230 at 4 Bridge St., and the 3rd brother died as a young man) purchased the house next door at 4 Westford St. (#217). Soon after, parents Daniel & Bridget moved into their son Patrick's house at 4 Westford St., and Patrick moved into his parents' house at 2 Bridge St. Patrick remained here after inheriting it about 1923 from Daniel.

Patrick H. Haley had a market/variety store in Central Sq. for several years, and between 1918-1939 owned the Odd Fellows Building (#249) with lunch cart beside it (1930-1939). He was appointed by the selectmen as a registrar of voters. He is best remembered, however, as the Chelmsford postmaster. He was the Democratic appointee to this post in Sept. 1, 1913. Two months later he received permission to re-number all post office boxes on both rural routes. His first wife Rose died in 1916, while he was still postmaster. Patrick died of a heart attack in 1951, and in 1957 his widow, Alice, sold the house out of the family.

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

Chelmsford Assessors' records; Town Clerk's records  
Middlesex North District Reg. Deeds: Pl. Bk. M, Pl. 76; Pl. Bk. 89, Pl. 111A; Bk. 13, pg. 364 (1834); Bk. 365, Pg. 183 (1879).  
Lowell Courier-Citizen: 9/1/1913, 11/7/1913  
Chelmsford Directory: 1915/16, 1922  
Waters, "History of Chelmsford", 1917, pg. 20 & 604  
Chelmsford Eagle: 12/15/1883

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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3. Description: altered

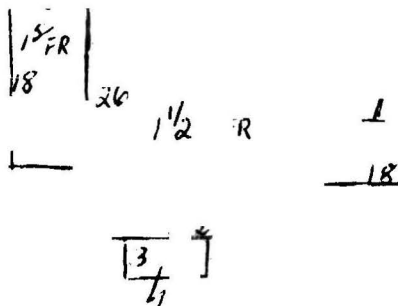
Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below



1912 Plan  
Scale: 1 inch = 40 ft.

Bridg side

1957 Plan  
Scale: 1 inch = 20 ft.



Apr. 9, 1971  
Chelmsford Assessors' Records

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

2 Bridge Street  
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

North: Book 1879, pg. 188	4/ 4/1968	Denis & Mary Ann McCarthy, Jacksonville to Douglas F. & Margaret Dunn Land with buildings thereon
North: Book 1715, pg. 102	9/ 7/1965	Robert P. & Patricia A. Phaneuf to Denis & Mary Ann McCarthy Land with buildings thereon
North: Book 1368, pg. 204	10/29/1957	Estate of Alice M. Haley to Robert Paul & Patricia Ann Phaneuf 14,581 sq. ft. with buildings thereon \$12,500
North: Book 365, pg. 183	5/13/1879	Cornelius Buckley, urm. of Woburn, to Daniel Haley $\frac{1}{2}$ acre with buildings thereon \$500 water right
North: Book 365, pg. 216	5/13/1879	Jeremiah Buckley, minor, to Cornelius Buckley $\frac{1}{2}$ acre with buildings thereon \$450 public auction water right
North: Book 48, pg. 306	4/ 5/1866	Estate of Amos Carleton to Michael Buckley $\frac{1}{2}$ acre with buildings thereon \$350 water right
North: Book 15, pg. 534 South: Book 478, pg. 447	3/15/1846	Isaac Crooker, carpenter, to Amos Carlton, gentleman premises - includes house water right \$250
North: Book 15, pg. 298 South: Book 448, pg. 39	6/13/1844	Polly H. Spaulding, widow, to Alfred Shepard, carpenter dwelling house
North: Book 13, pg. 364 South: Book 350, pg. 206	1/24/1834	David Perham, gentleman, to Polly Spaulding, ferncovert & wife of Abraham Spaulding, laborer dwelling house
North: Book 13, pg. 223 South: Book 328, pg. 491	3/29/1832	David Dickinson, Esquire, to David Perham, gentleman shop



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