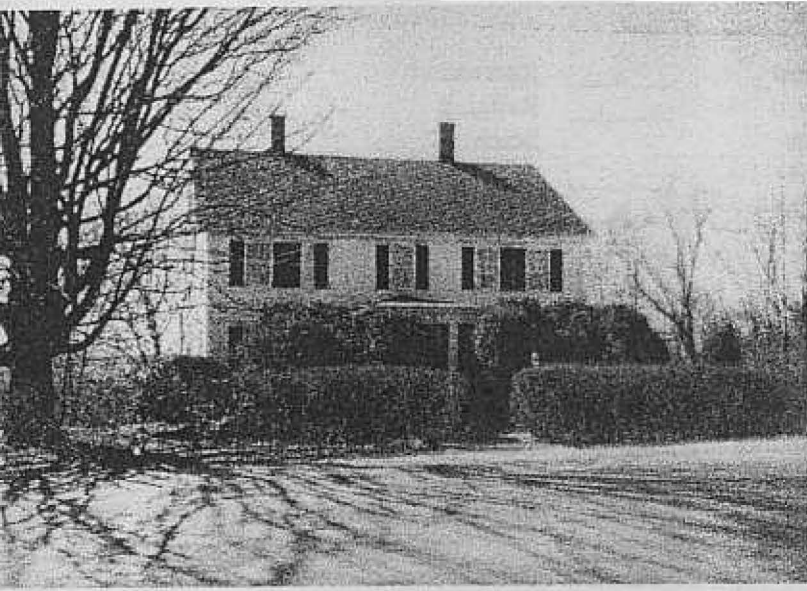


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. East	Form no. 74
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1. Town Chelmsford

Address 61 Carlisle Street

Name Thomas Marshall House

Present Use residence

Present Owner Mrs. Arthur Frank

3. Description

Date 1753

Source deed Chelmsford History

Style Federal

Architect

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shingles

Outbuildings (describe) large barn

Other features

foundation: large granite blocks

stenciling: rt. rear room, 1st floor

Altered see sheet Date

Moved rotated Date c1806?

5. Lot size

One acre or less Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 268 ft. Carlisle St.
191 ft. Marshall St.

Approximate distance of building from street

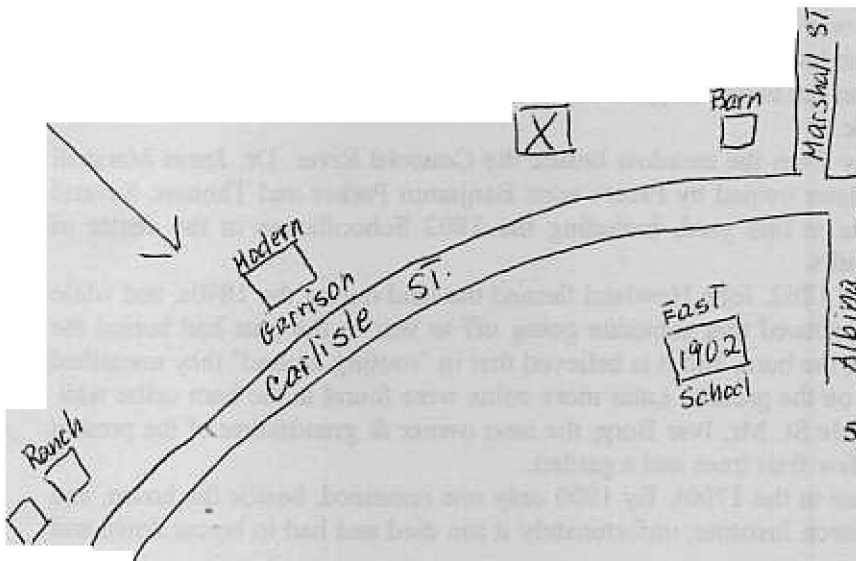
ca 24 feet

6 Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Historical Comm.

Date April 30, 1999

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



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USGS Quadrant

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7. Original owner (if known) Thomas Marshall

Original Use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates inn, residence (see history)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

In Dec. 1752 Thomas Marshall purchased the land from his father, a resident of Tewksbury. Three months later he married Hannah Frost, who lived nearby in a house still standing at 114 Gorham St. It is assumed that the house at 61 Carlisle St. was constructed about this time. Seven months later Thomas & Hannah confessed to breaking the 7th Commandment, and Thomas, Jr. was born Oct. 17, 1753, the first of seven children. Two wells on the property are believed to have been dug about this time. In 1776 two year old son John fell into one and was drowned. Thomas Marshall was a patriot, and in 1775 he served as a corporal in Capt. Benjamin Walker's Co. in Cambridge; Thomas, Jr., a private, marched to the alarm of April 19th and served 9 days. The following year Thomas, Sr. was appointed to the local Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety. Both Thomases were farmers, however, beginning about 125 years of farming on the property.

Following the death of Thomas Marshall, Sr. in 1799 and of Thomas, Jr. suddenly the following year, his grandson Peter took over the property. In 1806 Peter mortgaged the homestead to his father-in-law, Dr. Jonas Marshall, for \$1400. It may have been at this time that the house was turned 90 degrees and enlarged, probably to its present size. It was for a short time used as an inn or tavern. A stone located between the house & barn secured the stagecoach wheels when they stopped here. The barn was built later than the house. Legend says that at the barn-raising someone who had drunk too much fell from the roof, breaking his neck.

Near by a brick business was started, using clay from the meadow beside the Concord River. Dr. Jonas Marshall owned the brickyard between 1814 - 1818. It was later owned by Peter's sons Benjamin Parker and Thomas. Several local buildings were constructed with bricks made at this yard, including the 1802 Schoolhouse in the center of Chelmsford. Bricks were also used for the Lowell mills.

The house was sold out of the Marshall family in 1862. John Howland farmed the land during the 1890s, and while he lived here, he found many gold coins. It is conjectured that someone going off to war in the past had buried the coins in the cellar wall of the barn. Pigs were kept in the barn, and it is believed that in "rooting around" they unearthed the coins, which fell into manure and were dumped on the ground. Later more coins were found in the barn cellar wall. Mr. Howland was the last farmer to live at 61 Carlisle St. Mr. Ivar Borg, the next owner & grandfather of the present owner, was a dyer by profession, but he did have a few fruit trees and a garden.

Four American elms were planted near the house in the 1700s. By 1900 only one remained, beside the house, and it was named a Historic Landmark by the Elm Research Institute; unfortunately it too died and had to be cut down and removed in 1983 or 4.

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

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds: Bk. 11, p. 496 Dec. 5, 1752
History of Chelmsford, by Rev. Wilson Waters 1917
Street Directories
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Frank
Mr. Henry Shedd
Diary of Rev. Ebenezer Bridge

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community | Form No

Chelmsford | 74

Property Name: Thomas Marshall House

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below

Alterations

The house has been considerable altered and enlarged over the years, as well as turned half way around

Probably the house originally had a center chimney with two rooms over two rooms. The "Old kitchen", located on the first floor behind the room on the right, has a different type of construction, and was probably built a short time later. An interesting black stencil or paint line on the dado in this room has recently been uncovered. The rest of the main house was added later, perhaps about 1806, when Peter Marshall borrowed (and did not return) \$1400 from his father-in-law. The house was then four rooms over four, with two chimneys separated by a hall. The ell may have been added at this time, too.

A Victorian style open porch was added to the right side, from the front to rear of the main house and back to the ell

Shortly after purchasing the house in 1901, Ivar & Selma Borg renovated the interior considerably. The fireplace in the right front room, first floor, was replaced by a very pretty one, the opening surrounded by Italianate blue tiles and Corinthian style columns. The hearth was removed. Each side of the replaced front door is a panel of frosted glass with grape vine decoration. A loggia was built in front of the front door.

Narrow hardwood floor boards replaced the original wide boards, except in the "old kitchen." Fireplaces were bricked in and stoves places in front of them (since removed). Electric fixtures were placed in the ceilings of the two left rooms and remain there. On the 2nd floor in the rear right room a small diagonal wall was built in the lower left corner, to permit an exit from the front bedroom to the back hall. A metal ceiling was placed in the ell kitchen, 1st floor. A bathroom was put in rear of the ell.

A screened porch was added to the rear of the ell

In the early 1920s on the 1st floor a bathroom was added between the front & rear rooms and a door there was closed off. A closet was added in the right rear room.

1956: the 2nd floor right front room was divided, resulting in a bathroom behind a narrow bedroom

1986: 1st floor - "old kitchen" rear wall: an exterior door to an enclosed entrance from the side porch was put in
2nd floor - in the rear left room: at the rear wall a door to the ell was added.

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61 Carlisle Street
North Middlesex Registry of Deeds

Bk. 1357, pg. 578	11/29/1956	Thelma Borg Winnette, E. Chelmsford, & Sophia Borg Aldrich, Hartford, CT to Arthur J. & Constance W. Frank, East Chelmsford land & buildings
Probate Docket #		Estate of Selma S. Borg to Thelma & Sonja Borg
Bk. 412, pg. 442	11/20/1907	Stanley E. Qua to Selma S. Borg 1. land - southerly side Bowden St., Lowell 2. land - southerly side Bowden St., Lowell ??? see deed 3. land - East Chelmsford
Bk. 412, pg. 439	11/20/1907	Ivar S. Borg to Stanley E. Qua 1. land - southerly side Bowden St., Lowell 2. land - southerly side Bowden St., Lowell 3. land - East Chelmsford
Probate Docket #		Estate of Thor S. Borg to Ivar S. Borg
Bk. 231, pg. 312	5/22/1901	John Howland, Lowell, to Ivar S. & Thor S. Borg, Lowell land & buildings
Bk. 247, pg. 99	7/21/1893	William H. Shedd to John Howland, Lowell \$3500 land & buildings
Bk. 72, pg. 327	2/21/1885	Gershom C. Bassett, Lowell, to William H. Shedd, Lowell \$7500 land & buildings 1. 1.50 acres - south side of old Boston road 2. 2 acres & 68 sq. rods - east side old Boston road 2 year lease to Thomas F. Teague, Jan. 1, 1884
Bk. 146, pg. 327	6/23/1881	John Devine to Gershom C. Bassett, Lowell \$5600 1. 1.5 acres & buildings - south side of old Boston road 2. 2 acres & 68 sq. rods - east side of old Boston road
Bk. 145, pg. 276	5/12/1881	James G. Marshall, Lowell, to John Devine \$5450 & taxes for the year 1. 50 acres & buildings - south side of old Boston road 2. 2 acres & 68 sq. rods - east side of old Boston road
Bk. 141, pg. 308	9/06/1880	W. Henry Worcester, Lowell, to James G. Marshall, Lowell \$5400 1. 47 acres & 84 sq. rods & buildings - south side of old Boston road 2. 2 acres & 68 sq. rods - east side of old Boston road

Bk. 141, pg. 305	8/28/1880	Horatio Marshall to W. Henry Worcester, Lowell \$5500 public auction 1. 47 acres & 84 sq. rods & buildings - south side of old Boston road 2. 2 acres & 68 sq. rods - east side of old Boston road
Bk. 21, pg. 258	11/28/1876 Mortgage	Thomas Moore & Bridget Burke to Horatio Marshall, Lowell \$5700 1. 47 acres 84 sq. rods & buildings - south side of old Boston road 2. 2 acres & 68 sq. rods - east side of old Boston road restriction: no standing wood to be cut until at least \$1700 is paid
Bk. 121, pg. 245	11/28/1876	Horatio Marshall, Lowell, to Thomas Moore & Bridget Burke \$6700 1. 47 acres 84 sq. rods & buildings - south side of old Boston road 2. 2 acres & 68 sq. rods - east side of old Boston road
Bk. 34, pg. 404	5/07/1863	Thomas T. French & Ira Atwood to Horatio Marshall, Portland, Maine \$4200 land & buildings 39 acres & 86 sq. rods - south side of old Boston road subject: mortgage to Otis Adams, guardian
Bk. 31, pg. 556	4/29/1862	Ephraim B. Patch, Lowell, to Thomas T. French & Ira Atwood land & buildings 39 acres & 86 sq. rods - south side of old Boston road subject: mortgage to Otis Adams, guardian reserving: right to remove cut & uncut wood sold formerly from premises, until Apr 1, 1863, but all wood lying on grass & tillage land to be removed immediately
Bk. 31, pg. 559	4/29/1862	James C. Abbott, Lowell, assignee of estate of Samuel A. Marshall, insolvent debtor, to Thomas T. French & Ira Atwood all his rights
Bk. 30, pg. 596	4/28/1862	Samuel A. Marshall to Ephraim B. Patch, Lowell 5 acres: tillage, orchard, mowing, woodland east side of road - barn & workshop 130 acres: tillage, mowing, pasturing, orchard, woodland west side of road - dwelling house, barn & other buildings 3 acres: Middlesex canal lot - near River Meadow Brook
Bk. 27, pg/ 477	5/14/1861	Myra Marshall, guardian of Mary Ann Marshall, to Samuel Adams Marshall, yeoman ½ part: real estate of Thomas Marshall, deceased, father 1. 5 acres tillage, orchard, mowing & wood land 2. 130 acres tillage, mowing, pasture, wood land dwelling house, barn & other buildings - west side of road & southeasterly corner of Brick-yard lot 3. 3 acres: Middlesex canal Lot - near River Meadow Brook understood: Benjamin Parker Marshall owns 1/7 of the old homestead, included above

- Bk. 27, pg. 369 6/21/1842 Myra Marshall, single woman, to
Thomas Marshall, gentleman
\$150
100 A. land, dwelling house, barn & other buildings
same premises:
 Jonas Marshall to her mother & father, children
- Bk. 27, pg. 367 12/02/1834 Loring Marshall, Bradley Marshall, yeomen, & Martha Marshall, Eliza Adams
Marshall, single women, to
Thomas Marshall, their brother, gentleman
100 A. land & dwelling house, barn & other buildings
same premises:
 Jonas Marshall to parents during their lives, then children
- Bk. 10, pg. 340 6/29/1816 Jonas Marshall, Fitchburg, physician, to
Peter Marshall, yeoman, & wife Mary
\$2 in love & affection
land - on both sides of town way leading from Patucket Bridge to Billerica, also by
 town way from said Peter's house to meeting house
for their lives; remainder to their children
same premises: said Peter Marshall to Jonas Marshall, June 14, 1806
- Bk. 1 pg. 493 6/14/1806 Peter Marshall, yeoman, to
mortgage Jonas Marshall, physician, Fitchburgh
\$1400
75 A. land - my homestead farm
 on both sides of town way leading from Patucket bridge to Billerica
nevertheless: if \$1400 paid on or before 14th day of June 1807....
- Bk. 1 pg. 496 12/05/1752 Thomas Marshall, Tewksbury, yeoman, to
Thomas Marshall, Chelmsford, son
100£
2 tracts land in river neck:
 1. 70 A.
 2. 5 A. meadow land - bounded by Black brook, etc

The Spaulding-Hazen place was probably a part of the estate deeded by Andrew, son of Edward, to his son, Henry, in 1706. Andrew bought of John and Daniel Waldo about 260 acres, being a part of the estate of Capt. Samuel Adams. The Waldos married, respectively, Rebecca and Susanna Adams, daughters of Sameul. Henry Spaulding was a tailor. His son, Henry, inherited the property. Then came Zebulon and Sherebiah and Sherebiah, Jr. In 1861, Sanford Hazen bought the homestead from the estate of the latter.

The original Edward Spaulding estate was at Newfield and Flaggy meadow, North Chelmsford.

The road that is now called Gorham street, in East Chelmsford, is a comparatively new road, having been built about 1840, so there are no old houses on that road, excepting the Dyar house, and that was reached by a lane from what is now Carlisle street. This house was formerly the Carleton place. Before that, one Frost lived there. Thomas Marshall married his first wife, who was Hannah Frost, at that house, when he came to settle in East Chelmsford. The Frost house, therefore, must be older than the Marshall house. It has been somewhat altered.

The date of the marriage of Thomas Marshall and Hannah Frost is Feb. 22, 1753. So the old Marshall house, the only old house on what is now Carlisle street, was probably built about that time, as this Thomas was the first Marshall to settle in East Chelmsford. His brother, Dr. Jonas Marshall, lived at the C. W. Byam place before and during the Revolutionary War. The Marshall house was kept in the family until 1860, when Thomas Marshall's grandson, Thomas, died. This house has been enlarged, turned half way around, and altered a good deal. There are two old wells still on the place that are supposed to have been dug when the place was first built. This was the only house on the road at the time it was built, from the Billerica line to the Osgood house, which is just beyond the railroad bridge, on Gorham street, Lowell, but was then, of course, in East Chelmsford.

The Timothy Manning house, now the Sullivan place, near the French Cemetery, is an old house. Timothy Manning, the first occupant of the house, was a brother to William Manning, who was the first Manning who lived at the Manning Manse in Billerica. This is the only old house on the road from East Chelmsford to Chelmsford Centre. Nothing is known definitely of its age, but it is probably at least as old as the Marshall house, as tradition tells us that when Thomas Marshall went to Chelmsford Centre he went past this house.

The Pierces were another old family, and their house stood a little way beyond where William Manning now lives. One Stephen Pierce lived there. He had two sons, Stephen and Oliver, and Oliver built a house down at the end of that road, and his descendants lived there after him. The son, Stephen, built him a house on the spot where William Manning lives now, and lived there.

He married Hannah Marshall, only daughter of Thomas Marshall and Hannah Frost Marshall, and they had a large family of children. Both these houses are still standing. The house in which Mr. Manning now lives has been considerably altered, but a part of the old house is still standing. The other house is now owned by Mr. Perry Thompson, and has also been much changed. The original Stephen Pierce house has long since gone, and is not remembered by anyone now living.

But a short distance from Carlisle street, on the same road as the Pierce house, was the old Livingston house. There are none of the Livingston descendants now living who know anything definite about the age of the house, but it is fully as old as any house in this neighborhood. This house was burned in November, 1907, but was not totally destroyed. The first schoolhouse that was built in East Chelmsford was very near this Livingston house, and was probably erected soon after 1800. That schoolhouse is still in existence, but was given up as a schoolhouse in 1856 or 1857, and moved from its place, and has since been used as a dwelling house, and, of course, is greatly changed. Before this schoolhouse was built, school sessions were held for a short time in a chamber of the old Marshall house.

The Old Boston road, or Ayer's City road, leading to Plain street in Lowell, from East Chelmsford, is a very old road, older than Carlisle street, and was one of the main thoroughfares from New Hampshire to Boston, over which much teaming was done. The old Marshall house was, for a short time, a tavern on this route.

In some of the old houses in Chelmsford the walls are boarded, instead of plastered, and some of these boards, and those in the wainscoting under the windows, are of great width. In some cases, there are boards 15 to 18 feet long, and 32 inches wide, without a knot in them. In the Hayward house, at South Chelmsford, there are boards 34 and 36 inches wide. A door is made of a single board about 32 inches wide. In this house, the lower rooms are less than 7 feet high. In one room on the second floor are portholes, low in the wall, large enough to take the muzzle of a gun, in case of an Indian attack. The foundations of the house are massive, and take in a huge boulder, which, apparently, lies in its original position. In one part of the cellar is a room built of stone, which was used as a hiding place. This has been walled up.

Many of the beams and rafters in the old houses are fastened together with tree-nails, i. e., wooden pins. The corner posts and summers or summertrees overhead, strongly in evidence in some of these buildings, are interesting structural features, and, made of virgin oak, hardened with age, defy attempts to drive nails into them, and auger bits are broken on them.

Diary of the Rev. Ebenezer Bridge

- Feb. 22 Married Thomas Marshall & Hannah Frost - fee 1 Doll^r
- Sept. 17 Lords day.....read Confession of Tho^s Marshall & Hannah his wife breaking 7th Comd^t
- Oct. 14 Lords day.....Propounded the Cov^t To Tho^s & Hannah Marshall, & Baptized their son Thomas
- Apr. 4 Lords day....Baptized Hannah y D^r of Thomas and Hannah Marshall
- Aug. 16 Visited Thomas & Samuel Marshall AM upon business
- 1757 Apr. 26 Went PM To Visit y fam: of y Marshals in Concord Riv Neck - When There were three buildings raised, Vøz a House & barn for Samuel, & a House for Joseph - and supped at Thomas's
- Aug. 25 Visited Sam^{ll} & Tho^s Marshall, PM
- 1758 Jan. 8 Lords day - Baptized....Isaac y Son of Thomas and Hannah Marshal
- June 15 Bap. Jacob Son of Thomas & Hannah Marshall
- Mar. 25 Bap. David y Son of Thomas and Hannah Marshall
- Sept 10 Visited Oliv^r Pierce - & y Marshalls upon business
- April 22 Bap. John son of Thomas & Hannah Marshall
- Nov. 5 Visited Eb^z Frost - Tho^s Marshall, Sam^{ll} Marshall Joseph Marshall his wife very ill & prayed wth em also visited Wid^o Corey & etc.
- Aug. 20 Visited Tho^s Marshall his wife very ill & low & prayed with em. Oliver Pierce disordered.
- Oct. 24 Visited Tho^s Marshall his wife sick & prayed wth em
- Dec. 8 Visited Tho^s Marshall his wife very low & prayed with em PM attended y fun^{ll} of Stephen Fletcher
- Dec. 27 This morning early, died the wife of Thomas Marshall
turn over
(but nothing copied on other side of sheet)
- Dec. 28 Rev. M^r Morill & his delegated dined with me going to Shrewsbury Council - I could not go by reason of y Cold weath^r & - attended y funeral of Thomas Marshall's wife
- 1768 Nov. 25 Visited Tho^s Marshall upon business - Sam^{ll} Marshall his wife yet ill & prayed there
- Dec. 18 ---propounded Cov^t to Solomon & Rebecca Cory & y^y owned it propounded desire of Thomas Marshall.....to join in full communion

- 1769 Jan. 1 ...admitted Thomas Marshall - Benjamin Spaulding & Mary his wife & Abra Chamberlain to full Comⁿ - administred Sacram^t of y Supper
- Mar. 10 Visited Eben^r Frost his wife sick & prayed wth em - dined in his Sons room - Visited Tho^s & Jo Marshall
- Apr. 2 This day a child of Tho^s Marshall, was drowned in a well
- Apr. 3 Attended y fun^{ll} of Tho^s Marshall's child
- June 14 Attended y fun^{ll} of an Infant of Tho^s Marshall Junr
- July 25 Bap. Mary D^r of Thomas & Lydia Marshall
- Nov. 16 Married Jesse Marshall & Elizabeth Hodgman - fee 8 paper Dollars
- 1780 Mar. 13 Married Joshua Marshal & Esther Moors - fee 60 Doll^{rs} paper
- 1781 Sept.24 Rode out AM wth my wife - visited Sim. Farmer his wife yet Very ill, & prayed there also Visited Tho^s Marshall & Moses Davis PM gave short visit to Col^o Spaulding
- Oct. 5 Visited Tho^s Marshall wth my wife & dined there, upon invitation - also tow^d night Visited Sam^{ll} Marshall
- Oct. 28 Visited Eben^z Frost, a Daughter Sick & prayed with - Also Visited Tho^s & Sam^{ll} Marshall, AM -
- June 16 Married James Marshall and Joanna Peirce - fee a Doll^r
- Sept. 5 Went to Thomas Marshalls p^r invitation - Dined there in comp^y with Rev. Mr. Spaulding & wife, & Several neighb^{rs}

Information from Mr. Henry Shedd he heard it from his father Mrs. Dix (John, probably).
Recorded 1968 by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Frank.

Thomas Marshall built our home (now 61 Carlisle St., Chelmsford) for his bride in 1753. Prior to this he (Thomas Marshall) had lived in a house which is now Pare's store on Gorham St. There was no road there in 1753.

The house was built from virgin pine from the land. Tremendous tree stumps from which logs were cut are still visible on the farm - land of Henry and Thomas Shedd.

The original house faced south and consisted of 4 rooms up and 4 rooms downstairs. At a later date the house was turned to face east as it does now.

The barn was built some time later than the house. The story is told of the barn-raising with everyone for miles around helping. Legend has it that someone who had imbibed too much fell from the roof, breaking his neck.

The house was an inn; the only road from Boston to Concord, the old Boston Post Road, went by it. The cellar of the house was a tavern. There is an old stone, still here, between the house and barn that was used to "secure" the stagecoach wheels, as they stopped at the inn.

The land included in the original farm extended as far as North Billerica where "Stan's Garage" is now (where you turn off Gorham St. to go to N. Billerica Centre) and presumably to the present Lowell line in the opposite direction.

Thomas Marshall and his family lived here, then his son and family, Parker Marshall. The property was sold at some time after this to a Bassett family and then in 1885 to Mr. Henry Shedd, Sr., father of the present Mr. Henry Shedd.

Mr. Shedd had a dairy farm with 40 cows in the present barn. It was called 3 Elms Farm. There were 4 large elms near the house, one was lost somehow, but the 3 gigantic elms still stood, giving the farm its name. One of these elms later was blown down in the hurricane of the 1930s, one was diseased and had to be cut down in 1955, and one still stands. This elm is probably as old as the house and is so tall it can be seen for miles.

Prior to this time or possibly during this time a piece of property from the original farm was retained by Parker Marshall's daughter (then Mrs. Dix) and bricks were made from the clay on the soil, near the river at the junction of the present Gorham and Carlisle Sts. They were kilned there and used in the building of many of the mills, etc. in Lowell and Billerica. The road Brick Kiln gets its name from this.

Mr. Shedd for health reasons had to give up his milk business. He sold much of his land and built a house adjacent, where the Shedd family lives today. He sold the house (it needed a new roof and he thought he might as well invest his money in a new house) to "Grandpa" Howland. The house had been added on to considerably at some time during the intervening years, and "Grandpa" Howland lived in one part of the house, his son in another part.

While "Grandpa" Howland lived here he found considerable gold coins in the field and later in the barn. It is conjectured that someone going off to war in the past had buried the coins in the cellar wall of the barn. Pigs were kept in the barn cellar and it is believed that in "rooting" around they unearthed the coins which fell into the manure or swill and were later dumped on the ground. This is believed because afterward coins were also found in the barn cellar wall.

Mother's father, Mr. Ivar Schollin-Borg bought the house from Grandpa Howland in 1900 and completely renovated it, making it into a beautiful residence.

There were 4 wells on the property, one of which had a cover on it and a bucket for those who stopped to drink. One was in the barn cellar, one beside the barn where the windmill was later added (at the left side of the barn) and one was in the field to the south of the house a short distance. The water in the well in the barn cellar was used for drinking water until we (A.J. Franks) moved here in 1955. Then Lothar Fuchs, cabinet maker & refugee sponsored by us, used all available space for his business and covered over the well in the barn cellar. None of the wells are now in use (1968).

CHELMSFORD

Local Elm Designated Historic Landmark

CMFD-Chelmsford, which was once noted for the beauty and number of its elms, has been honored despite the small number of elms remaining after the ravages of the elm tree beetle, by the Elm Research Institute of Harrisville, N. H., a voluntary national conservation agency, dedicated to saving America's heritage of elms and perpetuating the species for posterity. The Institute recently conducted a census of elms 100 years old or older with a view to identifying these living monuments and suitably marking them with plaques acknowledging their historic significance and present day importance to those communities where they still grow and flourish.

Such an elm is the great tree standing more than 100 feet tall with a 15-foot girth at eye-level, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frank, 61 Carlisle Street, East section. The tree, bearing a plaque reading "Historic Elm—planted in the 1700's, this tree is hereby designated a historic landmark to be honored and preserved for future generations." Because of its tremendous height, the tree can be seen approaching Lowell and Chelmsford from Tewksbury on Route 495 for several miles.

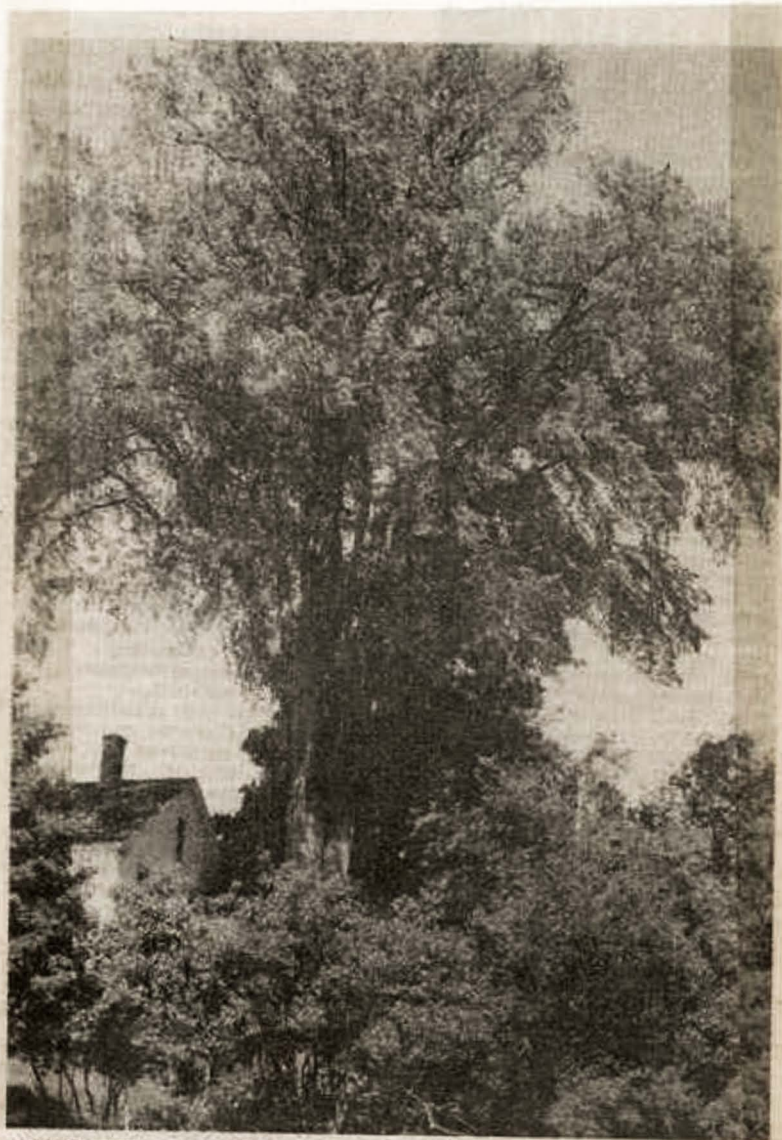
Because of its great size, it is felt that this tree may be almost 300 years old. It is located on the property where the Thomas Marshall house was built about 1753. At one time in the 1800's, this was called the Three Elm Farm because of the three beautiful elms contained within its boundary. One of the trio disappeared many years ago; a second was still standing until 1956, when it died and had to be removed.

In presenting the plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Frank for their historic tree, the Executive Director of the Elm Research Institute, John P. Hansel, said: "This plaque to be attached to your historic elm is

sent with profound pleasure and gratification designating your elm as a landmark specimen, commemorating its past and hopefully helping to insure its future."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank have carefully tended the tree throughout their residency on the Thomas Marshall farm even though its size has made spraying extremely difficult and they are delighted to have received the new designation in recognition of their tree's importance.

Chelmsford Newsweekly
May 29, 1980



CMFD-THIS MAGNIFICENT ELM on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frank in the East section has been designated as a landmark specimen and marked with a special plaque by the Elm Research Institute. (Photo by Jean Sougnez)

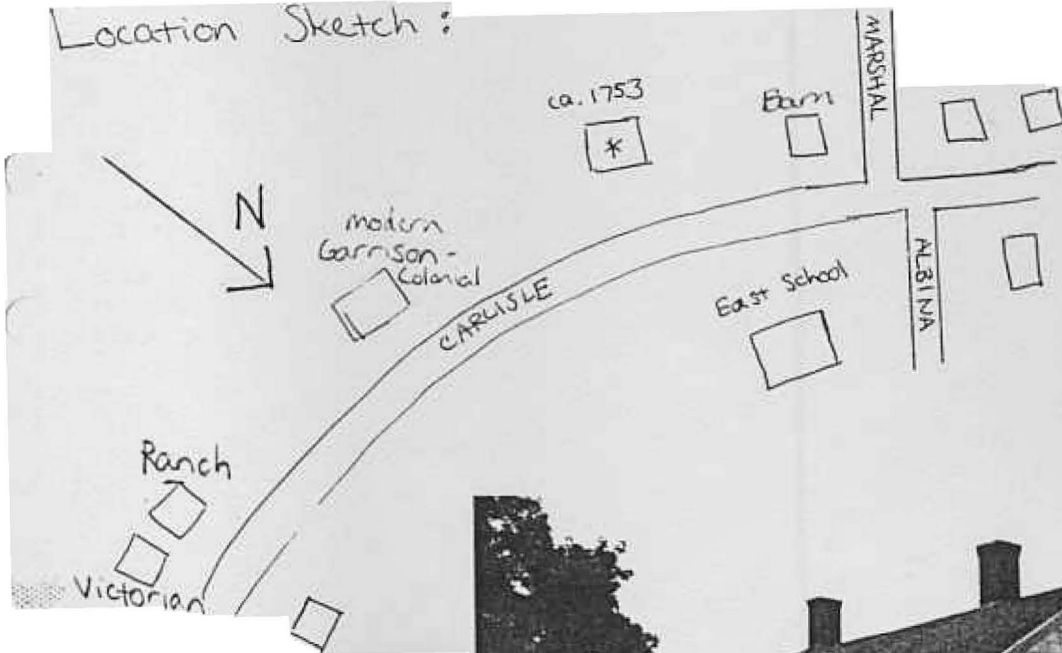


HISTORIC ELM
Planted in the 1700's, this tree
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ELM RESEARCH INSTITUTE
WALDEN, N. J. 07463

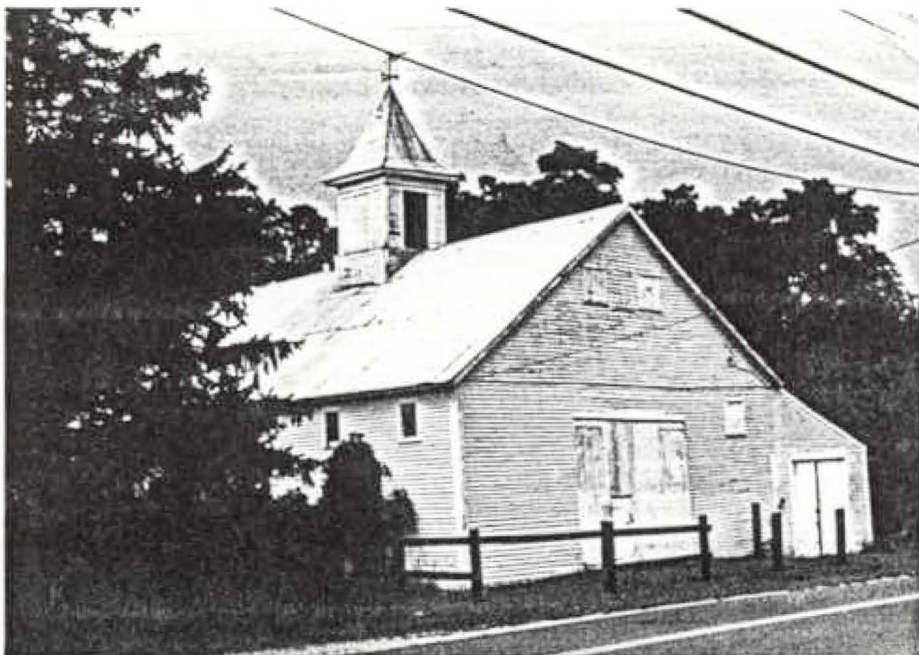
CMFD-THE HISTORIC LANDMARK: The elm tree on the Frank property believed to be nearly 300 years old bears a special plaque testifying to its age and importance which are especially great in these days of dying elms. (Photo by Jean Sougnez)



Location Sketch:



61 Carlisle Street
Marshall Howe



Barn located to the
right of the house from the
street.

1890-1900 (18/93)
Hist. Comm.



MARSHALL
HOUSE
C 1753

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