

# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

84/336/3	Billerica		CLM.328
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**Town/City:** Chelmsford

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*): Chelmsford Center

## Photograph



**Address:** 11-14 Central Square

**Historic Name:** Jack's Diner

**Uses:** Present: commercial

Original: dwelling

**Date of Construction:** pre-1875 and 1950

**Source:** 1875 map of Chelmsford Center

**Style/Form:** altered beyond recognition

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding/wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** none

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Ca. 1950 storefront addition

Ca. 1990 replacement siding and windows

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** .11 A

**Setting:** The building is located on the west side of Central Sq., south its intersection with Billerica Rd. It encompasses most of the small parcel. The storefront of the building abuts the sidewalk. Central Square includes 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> c. commercial development. The former railroad, now rail trail, is to the west of this area.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Jennifer Burden, Gray & Pape, Inc.

**Organization:** Chelmsford Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): June 2016

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CHELMSFORD

11-14 CENTRAL SQUARE

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The resource consists of a former 2.5-story dwelling with a ca. 1950 building and storefront addition that covers much of the dwellings architectural details. The building has a stone foundation, walls clad in replacement vinyl siding, and an asphalt-shingled front gable roof. Two internal brick chimneys are located on the north slope of the roof. Visible fenestration in the dwelling portion consists of replacement one-over-one double-hung windows. The one-story storefront is clad in painted wood shingles and is topped with a wood shingled pent roof that overhangs from the storefront, providing some shelter. The addition is to the north of the dwelling and the storefront connects the two as well as extends one bay from the primary (east) façade of the dwelling. The building includes three commercial entities: Jessie's Place restaurant encompasses the north half of the building and has a corner entrance; Lappy Fix is in the center, and Artizan's Salon is in the south bay. Two recessed doors in the south half of the storefront provide access to the latter two businesses.

The resource is an altered example of a residential building that retains historic integrity of location and setting.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Deed research was inconclusive for this property. The 1875 and 1889 maps of Central Square show a building in this location with "Metcalf" as its owner during this dates; however, no first name or initial is provided. A search of deed indexes did not discover a Metcalf selling a property matching this description in Chelmsford. In 1924 Grant's Lunch was in operation in the building. Grant and Ellen MacElroy originally operated a grocery store here that also had bar with ten stools set up for food service. During the 1940s they sold the business to Bob and Ray Ducharme, who operated Bob and Ray's, another grocery store. In 1950 John R. Kydd, Jr. purchased the property and opened Jack's Diner in the building and removed the remaining grocery store equipment. After Kydd passed away in 1969, his son Bob assumed operations. In 1975 Bob Kydd leased the building to other entities, but carried on Jack's Pizza until 1977, and then Lloyd's Coffee Shop and Jack's Diner. Jessie's Place is in the former location of Jack's Diner. In 1978 Jean Kydd assumed ownership of the property and in 2012 granted it to the Robert & Morris Kydd 1995 LLC. The property, therefore, has been in the Kydd family currently for 66 years.

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