

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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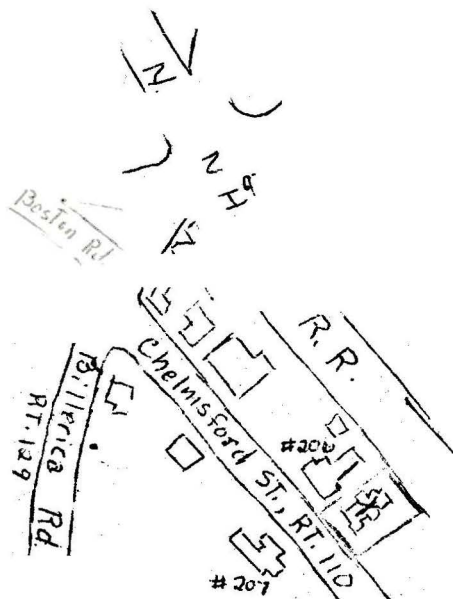
In Area no.  
Chelmsford  
Center

Form no.  
245



Location Chelmsford  
 Address 24 Chelmsford Street  
 Name John Wilson House  
 Present use 4 apartments plus office  
 Present owner Peter R. Markham  
 Description:  
 Date 1894  
 Source tax valuation lists  
Lowell Weekly Journal  
 Style \_\_\_\_\_

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



Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards  
 Outbuildings (describe) no  
 Other features hip roof - slate

Altered see attached Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
10,560 sq. ft.  
 One acre or less    x Over one acre  
 Approximate frontage 80 feet  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
ca 35 feet

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

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury  
 Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission  
 Date February 12, 1977

(over)

Contractor: Charles E. Parkhurst

7. Original owner (if known) Mrs. John H. Wilson (Edith F.)

Original use residence (1 family)

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates 2 apartments (before 1930); 4 apartments & office (now

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

John Fletcher of Westford had this house built in 1904 as a wedding present for his daughter Edith and John H. Wilson. The builder probably was Charles E. Parkhurst. John H. Wilson and his brother Moses Carleton Wilson were in business together as farmers; Moses lived across the street from John. The brothers had teams of horses which they let out on work for the town; they were also firemen, and one of the teams pulled the fire wagon. During the 1930s John and Edith moved across the street, and the house left Wilson ownership.

To provide the site for this dwelling, an older house, formerly the home of Amos A. Byam, was moved to 92 Chelmsford St., where it still stands and is known as the "Colonial Building."

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

Chelmsford assessors' records; tax valuation lists

Atlas of 1889

Mrs. Margaret Mills

Chelmsford Directory: 1898-99, 1915-15, 1922

Waters, "History of Chelmsford," 1917

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Dryden (Neice of John H. Wilson)

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds:

Bk. 250, pg. 145(1893); Bk. 260, pg. 565(1894); Bk. 731, pg. 170(1925)

Lowell Weekly Journal: 3/16/1894; 3/23/1894; 4/27/1894; 7/13/1894; 12/14/1894

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 245
Property Name: John H. Wilson House	

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

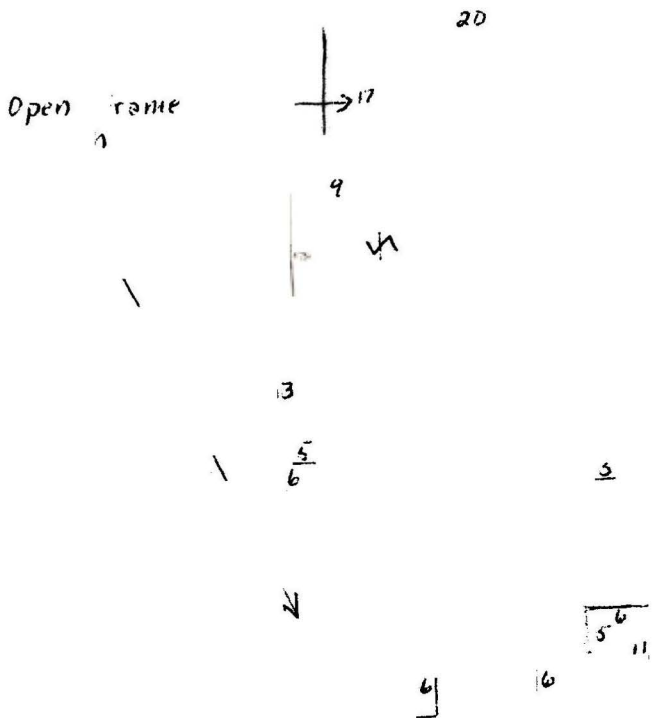
3. Alterations:

Sleeping porches added at left rear by John H. Wilson.

Later (before 1930), the house was converted to 2 apartments, and John H. Wilson lived on the 2nd floor.

Feb. 1972 - building contains 3 apartments, 1 efficiency, 1 office (real estate)

Chelmsford Assessors' Office  
1972



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24 Chelmsford Street  
Middlesex North District Registry Deeds

Book 1942, pg. 736	12/ 2/1970	William J. & Joan D. Lewis to Peter R. Markham, Lowell 10,560 sq. ft. with buildings thereon
Book 1743, pg. 429	3/18/1966	Kevin, Inc. to William J. & Joan D. Lewis 10,560 sq. ft. with buildings thereon
Book 1457, pg. 143	10/29/1959	Robert M. & Eileen Hood to Kevin, Inc. 10,560 sq. ft. with buildings thereon
Book 1316, pg. 255	8/19/1955	Doris Stevens, Lowell, to Robert M. & Eileen Hood 10,560 sq. ft. with buildings thereon
Book 1316, pg. 254	8/19/1955	Vincent Wrigley, John B. Wrigley, Mary E. Hood to Doris Stevens, Lowell 10,560 sq. ft. with buildings thereon
1245, pg. 270	1/12/1954	Doris Stevens, Lowell, to Vincent L. Wrigley, John B. Wrigley, & Mary E. Hood 10,560 sq. ft. with buildings thereon
Book 1245, pg. 269	1/12/1954	Vincent L. Wrigley & John B. Wrigley to Doris Stevens, Lowell 10,560 sq. ft. with buildings thereon
Book 1096, pg. 491	7/30/1948	Vincent L. Wrigley to Vincent L. Wrigley & John B. Wrigley 10,560 sq. ft. with buildings thereon
Book 1092, pg. 218	5/25/1948	The Chelmsford Corporation to Vincent L. Wrigley 10,560 sq. ft. with buildings thereon
Book 1092, pg. 554	7/30/1947	Ralph A. Berg to The Chelmsford Corporation $\frac{1}{2}$ acre with buildings thereon
Book 947, pg. 253	6/28/1940	Merrimack River Savings Bank, Lowell, to Ralph A. & Ruth E. Berg $\frac{1}{2}$ acre with buildings thereon
Book 731, pg. 170	11/30/1925	Edith Fletcher Wilson to Merrimack River Savings Bank, Lowell Mortgage, \$5000 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre with buildings thereon
Book 260, pg. 565	12/19/1894	Bertha H. Wilson to Edith Fletcher Wilson $\frac{1}{2}$ acre with buildings thereon

Book 250, pg. 145	10/14/1893	George A. Byam, Chelmsford; Mary A. Byam, Lucy A. Merrill, Mary F. Byam, Hudson, N.H., to Bertha H. Wilson \$2700 ½ acre with buildings thereon
Book 102, pg. 185	5/ 1/1874	Granville L. Webster, Quincy; Calisha A. Winship, Emily C. Webster, Helen G. Webster, & Maria E. Webster, Chelmsford, to Amos A. Byam \$1850 ½ acre with buildings.

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## Lowell Weekly Journal

Sept. 11, 1891 - Mr. A.A. Byam was 83 years old Wednesday and spent the day as is his custom, at his former home on Littleton street, now the residence of his son, Geo. A. Byam, esq. Our venerable townsman, though not as active as he was 25 years ago, is still able to pay his daily visit to the post office and preserves a good degree of that cheerfulness of spirit and quickness of repartee which has always characterized him. But few of his townsmen can outrank him in point of age.

Jan. 19, 1894 - Mrs. Mary A. Byam, widow of the late Amos A. Byam of this village, died of paralysis Wednesday evening, 10th, at the home of a married daughter in Hudson, New Hampshire, with whom she had lived for the past year. Another daughter and a son also survive her, the latter George A. Byam, a well known resident of Chelmsford. Mrs. Byam was a woman of marked domestic tastes and strong religious convictions, and for many years a communicant of the Trinitarian Congregational faith. The funeral services were held Friday at Hudson.

March 16, 1894 - John H. Wilson will build a house upon the site now occupied by the dwelling formerly owned by Amos A. Byam.

March 23, 1894 - The "Adams Byam" house has been purchased of Mrs. Wilson by James P. Emerson, who will move it to his land on the Lowell road, near the old turnpike, and remodel it.

April 13, 1894 - John H. Wilson will soon begin preparations for his new house on Lowell stree.

April 27, 1894 - Work has begun upon the foundation of C.D. Clark's new house on Littleton street. Chas. E. Parkhurst is the building contractor; he also has charge of the work on John H. Wilson's house on Lowell stree.

July 13, 1894 - The foundation of John H. Wilson's new house will soon be ready for the carpenters. The work already done indicates a thoroughly built structure.

Dec. 14, 1894 - The marriage of Mr. John H. Wilson of this village and Miss Edith M. Fletcher of Westford took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parent's, Mr. & Mrs. John M. Fletcher.....Mr. & Mrs. Wilson took their departure for their new home in this village, a fine house just completed, and handsomely furnished.

### Chelmsford Vital Statistics to 1850

Amos Adams Byam, son of Amos & Lucy, born Sept. 9, 1808  
Amos Adams Byam married Mary A. Bowers of Merrimack, N.H., int. Feb. 24, 1833

### Waters, History of Chelmsford

pg. 714 Organization of Central Congregational Church, 1876  
List of members included Capt. Amos Adams Byam



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