

FORM B - BUILDING

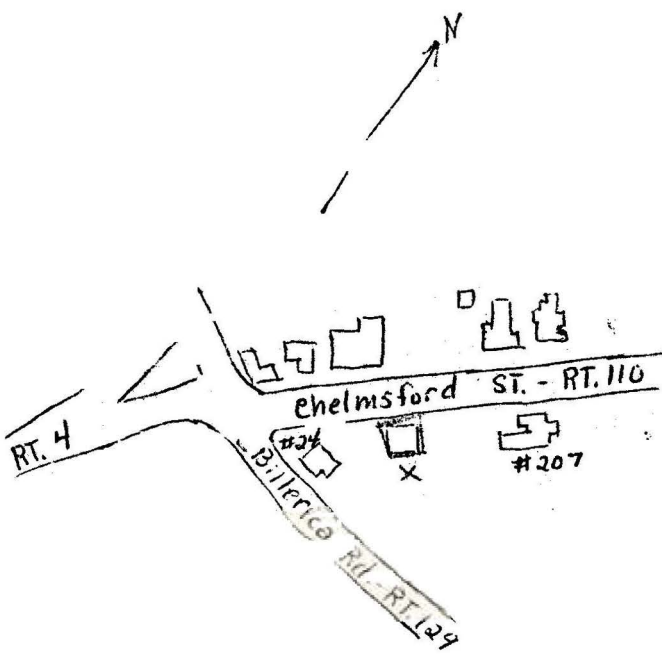
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. Chelmsford Center	Form no. 246
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own Chelmsford
 Address 9-11 Chelmsford St.
 Name _____
 Present use 6 apartments
 Present owner William & Helen Riney
 Description: _____
 Date 1894
 Source Lowell Weekly Journal
 Style NEO-GEORGIAN REV.

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



Architect NONE
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features hip roof in front,
gable roof in back (gable at rear)

Altered _____ Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
3165 sq. ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 52 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
ca 30 feet

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

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

(over)

Builder: J.L. Douglass

7. Original owner (if known) Julia S. Ripley

Original use tailor shop, barber shop & residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates apartments

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	<u> </u>	Political	
Community development			

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

On May 25, 1894 Leroy J. Parkhurst bought the land from the All Saints' Parish and immediately deeded it to Julia S. Ripley. These deeds specified that "no intoxicating liquor to be used as a beverage shall be sold thereon." Less than a month later he began construction of the building, the work being done by J.L. Douglass. By Aug. 1894 the building was occupied; one room by Leroy Parkhurst "for his tailoring business, which requires two or three assistants; the other by William H. Baker, who has neatly fitted up the room for shaving and hair cutting, in which he has several years experience." Mr. Parkhurst also lived in the building.

In 1901 the Ripleys deeded the property back to Leroy Parkhurst, who continued his tailoring business and residence there. In 1911 the wooden flooring and steps of the 40 foot piazza in front of the house were torn out and replaced with cement; work was done by the Staples Bros. In 1945 the building was sold by Leroy Parkhurst's widow to the present owners.

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

Lowell Weekly Journal: 5/18/1894; 6/8/1894; 7/13/1894; 8/1894

Lowell Courier-Citizen: 6/27/1911

Chelmsford Assessors' records & real estate valuation lists

Chelmsford Directory: 1898-99, 1915-16, 1922

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds: Bk.1322, p.43; Bk.255, pg. 352-3

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 246
Property Name:	

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

3. Description:

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45	
* Open frame porch	

Chelmsford Assessors' records
1972

William E. & Helen S.

1974 owner: ~~M. Edward & Catherine D.~~ Riney

Built: between 1894 & 1901

First owner: Julia S. Ripley

Sources:

1. 1889 Atlas: no
2. Chelmsford Assessor's Office 10/22/1974
 Plat 106, Block 32, Lot 48
 1974 owner: William E. & Helen S. Riney
 1972 House (3 apartments) 3,165 sq. feet.
 8/17/1968 Probate Docket #426029 title from M. Edward Riney
 12/30/1955 Deed Book 1322, Pg. 43 title from Catherine D. Riney
 1955 House (3 apartments) 3,165 sq. feet.
 10/26/1954 Deed Book 1273, Pg. 316 title from William E. Riney
 $\frac{1}{2}$ undivided interest
3. Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds
 Book 1322, Pg. 43 12/29/1955 M. Edward & Catherine D. Riney from
 Catherine D. Riney
 3,165 sq. ft. and buildings
 Book 1125, Pg. 381 10/13/1949 Catherine D. Riney from
 Annie J. Parkhurst & Gilbert H. Perham
 3,165 sq. ft. and buildings
 Use restriction
 Book 1036, pg. 83 12/21/1945 Annie J. Parkhurst & Gilbert H. Perham
 from Annie J. Parkhurst
 3,165 sq. ft. and buildings
 Use restriction
 Book 543, Pg. 583 2/ 7/1918 Annie J. Parkhurst from
 LeRoy J. Parkhurst
 3,165 sq. ft. and buildings
 Use restriction
 Book 334, Pg. 47 7/15/1901 ~~Sara-~~ LeRoy J. Parkhurst from
 Sarah P. Ripley
 3,165 sq. ft. and buildings
 Use restriction
 Book 331, Pg 282 3/27/1901 Sarah P. Ripley from
 Julia S. Ripley
 3,165 sq. ft. and buildings
 Use restriction
 Book 255, Pg. 352 5/25/1894 Julia S. Ripley from
 Leroy J. Parkhurst
 3,165 sq. ft. Land only.
 Use restriction
 Book 255, Pg. 353 5/25/1894 Leroy J. Parkhurst from
 The Parish of All Saints
 3,165 sq. ft. Land only.
 Use restriction.



ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE - This familiar town landmark was built in 1767. It was moved from its original location on the old turnpike (now Turnpike Road) near Billerica Street, to its present location on the corner of Billerica and Chelmsford Streets, in 1810.

Chelmsford Newsweekly 1965 Note 9-11 Chelmsford Street to left of Parsonage

Chelmsford Directory:

1898-99

Parkhurst, Leroy J. - tailor, Lowell street near Central sq.,
boards ditto.

Ripley, Julia S. Miss - boards Mrs. Sarah P. Ripley's

Ripley, Sarah P., widow of Joseph B. - house Lowell near Central
sq.

1915-16

Parkhurst, Leroy J. - tailor, Chelmsford St. near Central sq.,
house same.

Parkhurst, Victor L. - tailor, L.J. Parkhurst's, house Acton rd.
near Bartlett.

No Annie Parkhurst

No Julia Ripley

Johnson, John J. - Tailor, boards V.L. Parkhurst's, Acton rd.

Johnson, Wilhelm - tailor, boards V.L. Parkhurst's, Acton rd.

1922

Parkhurst, Leroy J. (Annie J.) tailor, Chelmsford st. near
Central sq., house same.

Parkhurst, Elizabeth K., widow Victor L. - house Acton rd. near
Bartlett.

Johnson, John G. - tailor Leroy J. Parkhursts Chelmsford

Johnson, Wilhelm T. (Ella A.) - tailor house Littleton rd. beyond
cemetery.

Chelmsford Newsweekly, 1955:

The Johnson Brothers

Wilhelm T. Johnson observes this year his golden anniversary as a tailor in Chelmsford, for he came here in 1905, following his brother, John, also associated in the tailoring business with him, who had some three years earlier from their native Sweden. Both were employed by the late Leroy J. Parkhurst, another tailor who will be remembered by many older residents, whose shop was originally at the corner of Wislon and Billerica streets and later at 11 Chelmsford street. After Mr. Parkhurst's retirement in 1932, the two brothers remodelled a small building and moved into their present address, 7 Wilson street, where Wilhelm Johnson also has his home.....

The Lowell Sun Mar 22, 1979

POLICE AND FIRE officials in Chelmsford today are investigating a fire at 11 Chelmsford St. last night, which they suspect was the work of an arsonist.

The fire began on the back porch and spread into the house through the partitioning, and then into the floor joists, according to Capt. Ronald Sawicki of the fire department.

The building, which houses four apartments, is owned by William Riney.

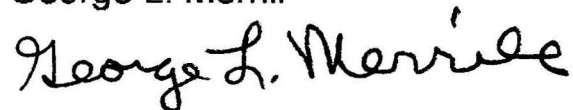
April 18, 2002

Building Inspector
Town Hall
Billerica Road
Chelmsford, Ma 01824

Sir:

We have photographed and inventoried the house at 9-11 Chelmsford Street and find it to have no historic significance. Demolition can proceed.

George L. Merrill

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George L. Merrill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Chelmsford Historic Commission



MILLERICA ST

129
MILLERICA 6



2002 CHC





8/8/2004 F. Merriam



In Memory of
Hubert R. Scoble
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