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FORM B - BUILDING SURVEY

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

2. Town Chelmsford

Street address 30 Dalton Road

Name S. Proctor Perham House

Use: original & present Farm - residence

Present owner Bradford Emerson

Open to public _____

Date early 1700's Style Saltbox

Source of date Open House pamphlet (1955)

Architect _____

1. Is this building historically significant to
Town _____ Commonwealth _____ Nation _____

Building has historical connection with the following themes: (see also reverse side)

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| Scholar | Commerce/industry |
| Agriculture | Science/invention |
| Art/Sculpture | Travel/communication |
| Education | Military Affairs |
| Government | Religion/philosophy |
| Literature | Indians |
| Music | Other _____ |

Development of town/city

Architectural reason for inventorying: _____

OR part of Area # _____

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added ell + garage To rear

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material granite

WALL COVER: Wood clapboard Brick Stone Other _____

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork in middle of rear roof

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed (Garage) - hides saltbox shape except from rear.

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 enclosed on ell PORTICO _____ Balcony _____

FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament _____

Entrance: Side Front Center Side Details: single door with side vertical windows (6 panes)
(gable - 2 windows 1st story, 1 window 2nd story + attic window)

Windows: Spacing: Regular Irregular Identical Varied 5 Bay X 2 Bay cover 6 panes
gable window cover 3

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings

6. Footage of structure from street 87
Property has 218 feet frontage on street



Recorder Jane K Drury

For Chelmsford Historical Commission

Photo # 4-18+19 Date 9/17/72

SEE REVERSE SIDE

RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

1. Outbuildings 1 barn (cement block foundation), Tool shed

2. Landscape Features: (Agriculture) Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal
Predominant features _____
Landscape architect _____

3. Neighboring Structures
Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.
Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian (Modern)

Use: (Residential) Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent (Good) Fair Deteriorated

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

The house was built by a Perham in the early 1700's and remained in the family until about 1957, when the late Dr. Charles Farrington bought it from the Perham estate. He died 5 yrs. later, but his widow kept it about 5 more years before selling it to the present owner.

Among its special architectural features are well preserved batten doors; solid panelled "Indian shutters" which slide into the wall at the side of the livingroom windows; wide board floors; fireplaces and side bake ovens; opening under the stairway into the space in back of the central chimney's beehive ovens. The owner calls it "a crude farmhouse that was ~~crudely~~ ^{poorly} built.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

Open House Pamphlet (1955)
Bradford Emerson, owner
Waters: History of Chelmsford, Mass. 1917

RESTRICTIONS _____

Original Owner: Perham

Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____, _____ Registry of Deeds

30 Dalton Road
Middlesex North District Registry Deeds

Book 1577, pg. 116	10/18/1962	Harriette L. Farrington to Bradford & Joan H. Emerson 1.84 acres, buildings thereon
Book 1374, pg. 6	6/19/1957	Estate Edith A. Perham to Charles C. & Harriette L. Farrington land, buildings thereon
Book 529, pg. 456	10/23/1914	M. Florence Perham to Karl M. Perham, brother All her interest in their father's land with buildings (60 acres)
Book 159, pg. 23	3/29/1883	Samuel P. Perham to Albert P. Perham \$6000 66 acres & 96 sq. rods, buildings thereon
Book 17, pg. 565	11/ 3/1851	Samuel Perham, Exeter, N.H. to David and Samuel P. Perham His interest in that part of his father's estate owned and occupied by: David - lands Samuel P. - lands & buildings
Book 16, pg. 271	4/24/1847 MORTGAGE	Samuel P. Perham to Rebecca Perham, widow \$3000 mortgage 60 acres, his homestead farm condition - she be allowed to occupy part of his dwelling house during her life.
Book 16, pg. 272	4/24/1847 BOND	Samuel Proctor Perham to Guardian of Samuel Perham \$566.67 60 acres, his homestead farm
Book 16, pg. 269	4/24/1847	David Perham, Gentleman, & Rebecca Perham, Widow, to Samuel Proctor Perham \$1000 16 acres, buildings thereon - Rebecca's dower.
Book 16, pg. 268	4/24/1847	Guardian of Samuel Perham to Samuel Proctor Perham 16 acres, buildings thereon - Rebecca Perham's dower.
Book 1, pg. 275	12/23/1708	John Perham senior, yeoman, to Benony Perham, son 100 pounds All his "houseing and Lands and medows" in the Town of Chelmsford

Waters, "History of Chelmsford":

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From papers by Mr. H.S. Perham

John Shipley and Susannah, his wife, sold his "homestead lott & land" in Chelmsford, in 1698, to Jerathmel Bowers. The first John Shipley has, however, numerous descendants now living in this vicinity through the marriage of his daughter, Lydia, to John Perham in 1664. John Perham settled upon the farm where I now live, in Chelmsford. I am of the eighth generation from John Shipley.

Benoni Perham:

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Queen Anne's War

1702, Nov. 19. A bill was passed providing snowshoes for the men of the frontier towns at the charge of the Province. The Indians were active and troublesome in winter, and companies were requested organized for service upon the snow. William Tyng commanded the first Mass. company.....in the Granite State Magazine, Vol. 1, is a list of 44 men in this company, who, in 1735, were the grantees of Tyngstown, which included the greater part of the present Manchester, N.H.

Benoni Perham, Chelmsford, lived in Chelmsford. He was living in 1722 and died a short time after that date (1723). His son, Samuel, repressed his interest in the grant of Tyngstown.

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Benoni is included on several lists during the Province wars:
Chelmsford men who went to Lancaster, Aug. 4, 1704, to "inforce Major Taylor," and had received nothing for provision.

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1706. "A list of the Names of Troopers which served vunder my (Tyng) comand to the releefe of Dunsatable July the fourth 1706: Being 79 men 2 days with their sustenance."

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1706. "Those which served under me in my march to Groton & Dunsatable & Drawcut from the 11th of August to the 13th by Command from his Exelency are as followeth & served 3 days and found their own sustenance."

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....."the building of the first schoolhouse. In 1718, the Town granted 3 rods and a half of land for that purpose (where the brick school was later built.) The land was laid out to William Fletcher by the Town and by him given to the builders. The cost, about \$100, was paid by subscription. The names of those citizens who contributed to this worthy object have been preserved in the records, which reads as follows:" (it includes Benoni, who gave 1 pound, 0 shillings.)

Samuel Perham, Sr.

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May 30, 1774. Committee of Correspondence - included Samuel (Other pages mention his membership in later years)

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Record of Chelmsford men in the Revolution:
Perham, Samuel. Private, Capt. John Ford's Co. of Volunteers, Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt.; enlisted Sept. 28 (also given as Sept. 27), 1777; discharged Nov. 8, 1777; service 40 (also given 43) days; company probaly raised in Dracut, Chelmsford, and Dunstable and marched Sept. 30, 1777 to reinforce Northern Army.

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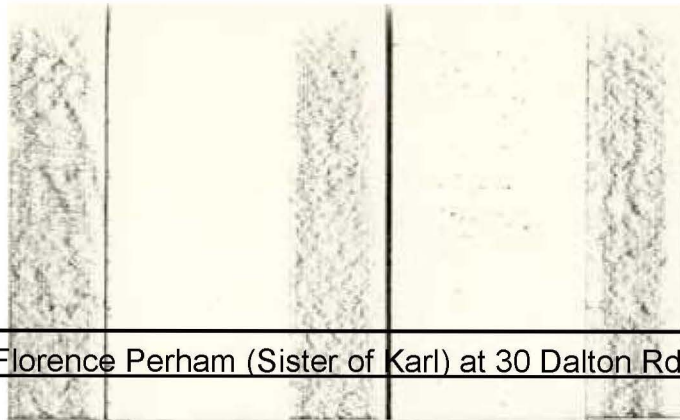
1759. To Sergt. Samuel Perham for Removing Timothy farley and family out of town four shillings.

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1775 Tax List (NorthEnd): includes Perham, Samuel, Sergt.

Samuel Perham, Jr.

- pg. 340 Record of Chelmsford men in the Revolution:
Perham, Samuel, Jr., Chelmsford. Private, Col. Moses Parker's
Co., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service,
13 days. Roll endorsed "1't Be Benj Walkers Roll."
- pg. 220 April 19, 1775:
Samuel Perham, Jr. was hoeing in the "lower field," still a
part of the Perham estate, when he heard the alarm gun in the centre
village nearby, and sticking his hoe in the ground, started to join
his company, of which Moses Parker was in command.



Florence Perham (Sister of Karl) at 30 Dalton Rd



Lowell Courier Citizen - Dec. 31, 1911

The death of Mrs. Hannah F. Perham, widow of the late Albert P. Perham, which occurred on Saturday at her home on the Dalton road will be learned with regret by a wide circle of friends. She had been in poor health during the past summer and in November suffered a slight shock, followed within a short time by a second, after which she failed gradually. Her age was 62 years. Mrs. Perham was born in Leominster, where she lived for several years after her marriage, and removed from there to Chelmsford, which has since been her home. She was a member of the Middlesex Women's club at Lowell in which she was much interested. Two children, a son, Karl M. Perham and a daughter, Miss M. Florence Perham, both of Chelmsford, survive her. Funeral services will be held from the home on Monday afternoon at 2:30.

Jan. 8, 1912 - On Wednesday, Dec. 26, Dennis J. Sheehan lost a 3 weeks old white calf, that he valued highly. Today, almost three weeks after ~~its~~ its disappearance the calf was seen by Miss M. Florence Perham in a field at the rear of her home and after a brief chase the little animal was captured by her brother, Karl M. Perham. On the Sunday following its disappearance there was a fall of snow and in spite of that and the severity of the weather of the past few days, the calf was in surprisingly good condition and apparently suffered little from its experience. On the day that it was missed it was seen in a field by Mrs. R.H. Brown and an attempt was made to catch it, but it could not then be located. The tracks found in the snow showed that since the storm it had not traveled more than a rod from a given spot and was less than an eighth of a mile from where it was first seen.

Aug. 18, 1912 - Peter, the dog belonging to Karl M. Perham, is making quite good a record for capturing woodchucks. Yesterday afternoon he killed a large specimen, the sixth that his owner has known of his having obtained.

Feb. 10, 1916 - The many friends of Mrs. Karl M. Perham, will regret to learn that she is ill with diphtheria at the Lowell hospital, where she was taken on Wednesday. During her absence,, Mrs. Lois Andrews, her mother, and her sister, Miss Frances Andrews, are at Mrs. Whitman's in Summer street.

Feb. 16, 1916 - Mrs. Karl M. Perham, who has been at the Lowell hospital for the past 10 days, has returned to her home in Dalton road.

July 12, 1914 - Finding that his commission business has grown to such an extent that he is unable to give personal attention to all sales, Karl M. Perham has decided to discontinue that branch of his business after August first. He will, however, continue to buy and sell as usual.

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Lowell Courier-Citizen:

June 12, 1916 - And now it is fox hunting by automobile, with James W. Long, superintendant of the town farm, as winner of the brush, bringing it home with fox attached. Accompanied by Mrs. Long, he was enjoying an automobile ride with Mr. & Mrs. Karl Perham through Dunstable on Sunday. While ascending a sharp grade, a baby fox darted into the middle of the road and continued ahead of the machine, notwithstanding the tooting of the horn. Mr. Long jumped from the car, ran ahead and in less time than it takes to tell it, had clapped his Panama over little Reynard, who put up a vigorous protest over changing his mode of traveling from running to autoing. The ~~big~~ fox was brought back to town and is now wearing a collar with a very obnoxious long chain attached, the other end of which is fastened to a stake in Mr. Perham's yard. He is very lively and playful, ready to amuse or be amused, but there is one thing he won't stand for as yet and that is, to allow the family cat to share his rations of bread and milk.



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