

**FORM B - BUILDING**

Area	Form no. 273
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
204 Washington Street Boston, MA-02108



City Chelmsford  
 Address 4 Dalton Road  
 Historic Name "Waldo" Perham House  
 Original 1 family residence  
 Present 1 family residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner George Corey

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Date 1857 or 1858

Source deeds, tax lists

Style Greek Revival

Probable builder George Corey

Exterior wall fabric butted clapboard

Outbuildings Playhouse: behind house

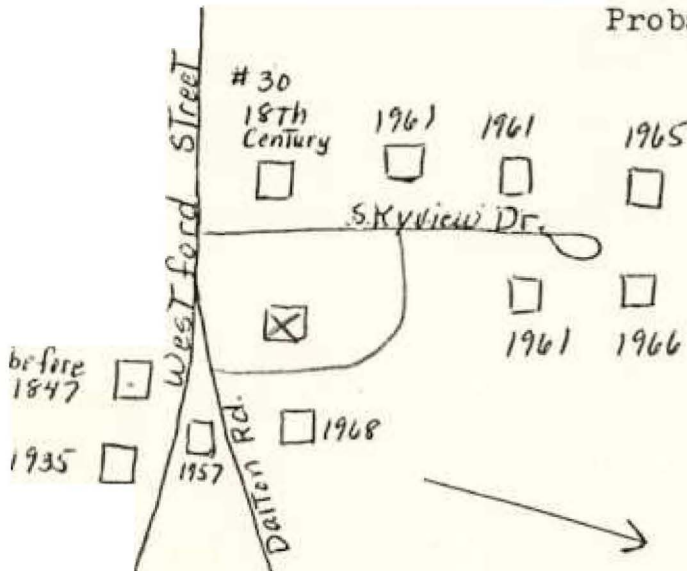
2 car garage: unattached, left & rear

Major alterations (with dates) 1979

See attached sheet

Moved 66 North Rd/Bt 495 Date 1959

Approx. acreage 37,234 sq. ft.



Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Hist. Comm.

Date January 11, 1982

Setting Pleasant residential area at top of hill - some view. Back yard hedged off with evergreens; open lawn at rear

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

Typical of the late Greek Revival, small houses in town. Plain full length, relatively wide cornerboards topped with plain freize & relatively long roof return; gable end facing street; main entrance offset to left of center, not recessed, 5 lights each side of door full length, surrounded by butted architrave with cornice; pedimented overhang on rear of left side of main house, over open porch; floor boards of front part of house (except in dining room, where they are modern narrow width) 4-10" wide.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This charming, relatively small house originally located at 66 North Rd., was wrected in 1857 or 1858 on a part of the old Simeon Spaulding farm (75 North Rd., #41). George Corey was its first owner, and as he was a carpenter, it is likely he built the house himself. About 7 years later, on Oct. 8, 1865, he hung himself in a "shed at the Syndicate Farm" (75 North Rd.). In 1878 his widow and minor age son sold the property to John "Waldo" Perham; ownership of the property remained in that family for the next 60 years. "Waldo" was a wholesale butcher, who sold much of his meat in Lowell. His barn, which was then attached to the rear of the house, was very solidly constructed and contained wide boards. One part of the barn was refrigerated for the meat; a closet with shelves was fitted for gas and was used as an apple ripener. In 1959 the house stood in the path of Rt. 495, then under construction, and it was moved to its present site. The old barn, carriage & tool sheds were torn down.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex North Dist. Reg. Deeds: Bk.10., p.566(1857); Plan Bk.M, plan 119(1920); Plan Bk. M, plan 216(1934)  
Records of Chelmsford Town Clerk, Assessors  
Chelmsford Street Directories: 1898/99, 1915/16 - 1922  
Notebook of Miss Frances Andrews  
Chelmsford Eagle, 12/15/1883  
Chelmsford Newsweekly, 12/23/1954  
Mrs. Leslie Currier; Mrs. Paul Goldman

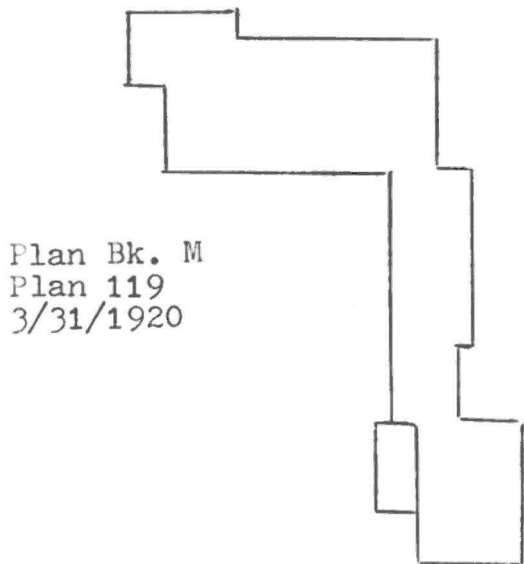
INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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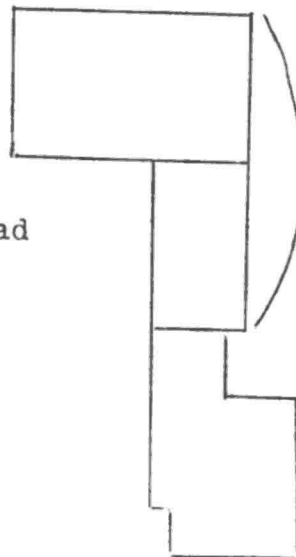
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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Major Alterations:

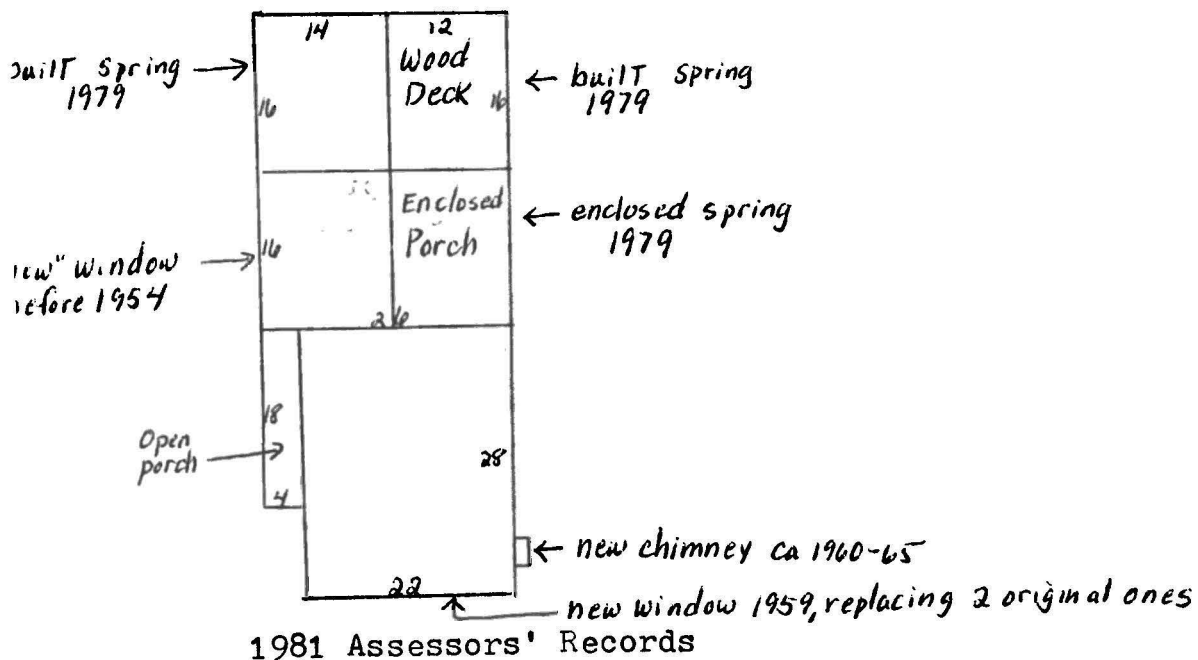


North Road Site



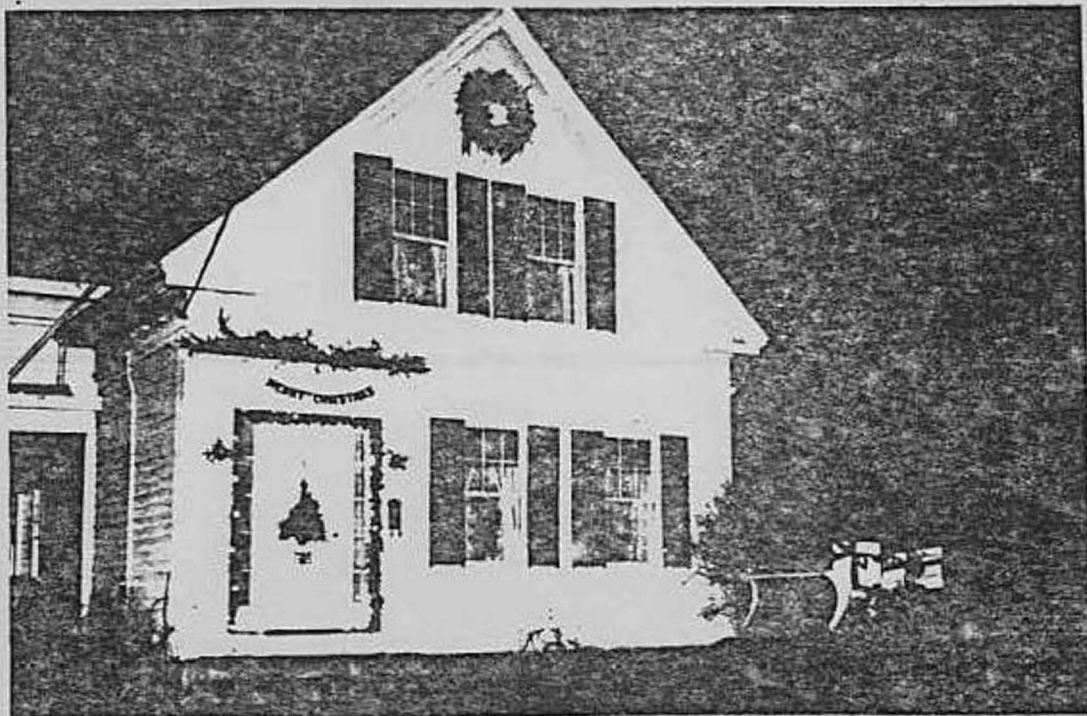
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Plan Bk. M  
Plan 216  
1934



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Chelmsford Newsweekly Dec 23, 1954



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie F. Currier of 66 North road.

Home  
of  
Mrs.  
Currier

4 Dalton Road  
Moved from 66 North Road

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

	8/15/1975	Leslie F. & Mildred V. Currier to Paul E. & Jane D. Goldman
1009, Page 154	7/ 3/1944	Earle A. & Doris M. Byron to Leslie F. & Mildred V. Currier land & buildings thereon 2 acres & 33 3/5 rods Lot 2 on George Butterfield Plan Part of Spaulding Farm
Book 899, Page 90	5/28/1937	Maude H. Perham, unmarried, to Earle A. & Doris M. Byron land & buildings thereon 2 acres & 33 3/5 rods part of the Spaulding Farm
Book 754, Page 402	7/21/1927	John W. Perham to Maude H. Perham land & buildings thereon 2 acres & 33 3/5 rods Lot 2 on George Butterfield Plan Part of Spaulding Farm
131, Page 24	9/18/1878	Frank W. Corey, Lowell, to John W. Perham 1 undivided half portion, land & buildings \$670 2 acres & 33 3/5 rods Part of Spaulding farm, Lot 2
Book 131, Page 23	9/18/1878	Harriet L. Corey, guardian of Wallace A. Corey, minor child of George Corey to John W. Perham 1 undivided half portion, land & buildings \$671 2 acres & 33 3/5 rods Part of Spaulding Farm, Lot 2
Book 131, Page 25	9/18/1878	Harriet L. Corey, Lowell, to John W. Perham all right & interest, land & buildings \$308 2 acres & 33 3/5 rods Part of Spaulding Farm, Lot 2
10, Page 566	7/11/1857	Asa Hill, Jr. to George Corey, carpenter \$300 2 acres & 33 3/5 rods, land Part of Spaulding Farm - "mowing field" Lot 2 - George Butterfield Plan



- Book 9, Page 52 3/23/1857 Alpha Presby, Nashua, to  
Asa Hill, Jr.  
\$500  
2 acres & 33 3/5 rods, land  
Part of Spaulding Farm - "mowing field"  
Lot 2 - George W. Butterfield Plan
- Book 7, Page 389 11/11/1856 William Morse to  
Alpha Presby, Nashua, N.H.  
\$500  
2 acres & 33 3/5 rods, land  
Part of Spaulding Farm - "mowing field"  
Lot 2 - George W. Butterfield Plan
- Book 2, Page 6/13/1855 Charles H. Dalton, Manchester, N.H., to  
William Morse  
\$220  
2 acres & 33 3/5 rods, land  
Part of Spaulding Farm - "mowing field"  
Lot 2 - George W. Butterfield Plan
- North: B.19,p.79 3/24/1852 John C. Dalton, Jr., Boston, Physician to  
South: B633,p509 Charles H. Dalton, Southbridge, Gentleman  
\$550  
76 acres, farm & outlands of estate of  
Deacon Noah Spaulding
- North: B.19,p.42 10/25/1851 John C. Dalton, Lowell, Guardian of  
Julia Ann, Edward B. & Henry R. Dalton  
to Charles H. Dalton, Southbridge  
\$1650  
Land late of Deacon Noah Spaulding:  
3rd parcel - 6 acres, land







Dalton Road #4

11/5/2005 F. Merriam