

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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**Town/City:** Chelmsford

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 314 Dunstable Road

**Historic Name:** Hedwige and Alfred Patenaude House

**Uses:** Present: demolished

Original: Single-family dwelling

**Date of Construction:** circa 1901

**Source:** Census; deed

**Style/Form:** No style

**Architect/Builder:** Not known

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation:

Wall/Trim:

Roof:

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

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

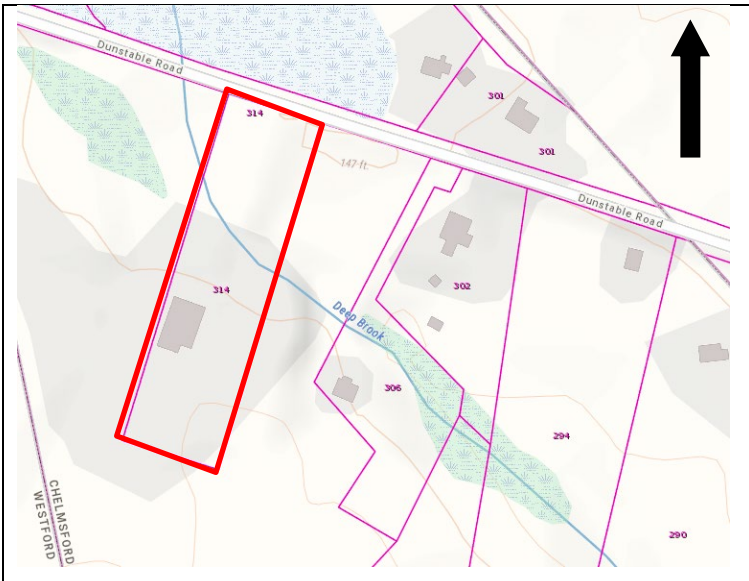
**Condition:**

**Moved:** no     yes     **Date:**

**Acreage:** 1.85 acres

**Setting:** Located on a suburban street. Surrounding area is former farmland, now reforested. Nearby houses date from the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with large lawns and surrounding reforested land.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Stacy Spies, Historic Preservation Consultant

**Date:** August 6, 2021

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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314 DUNSTABLE RD

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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.*

Building no longer standing at time of research.

## 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.*

In 1901, Hedwige Patenaude purchased a large parcel of land located in Westford, Chelmsford, and Tyngsboro on Dunstable Road.<sup>1</sup> Hedwige M. Turcotte Patenaude (1876-1931)<sup>2</sup> and her husband, Alfred Patenaude (1873-1960)<sup>3</sup>, were both born in Quebec. Alfred emigrated in 1885 and Hedwige emigrated in 1887. The couple married in Lowell in 1894 where he worked as a shoemaker in a shoe factory and she worked as an operative in a factory. The couple had 15 children, nine of whom lived to adulthood: Arthur; Leo; Alphonse; Armand; Dora; Yvonne; Irene; Alyce; and, Bertha.

Once they had a house constructed and moved to Dunstable Road, Fred, as he was known, continued work as in a shoe factory. Alfred and Hedwige's children continued to live with their parents on Dunstable Road after they began working. Most of the adult children worked at textile mills at some point. At the time of the 1920 census, Leo (age 23) worked as an electrician in a worsted mill, Arthur (21) worked as a carpenter in a worsted mill, Dora (19) worked as a spooler in a cotton mill, and Alphonse (18) operated the derrick at a granite quarry (possibly Fletcher's in Westford). By 1925, Arthur and Alphonse were working as house and sign painters. By that time, Arthur had married and lived nearby on Dunstable Road with his wife, Mildred and their four children, according to the city directory. At the time of the 1930 census, Irene (19) worked as a spooler in a woolen mill. At the time of the 1940 census, Alyce worked as a typist at a silk mill.

Irene Patenaude married Maurice Spaulding and the couple purchased the property from her father in 1942.<sup>4</sup> Irene and Maurice Spaulding lived here for a short while in the 1940s<sup>5</sup> before selling it in 1944.<sup>6</sup>

Robert O. Hamel (1932-1993)<sup>7</sup> purchased the property in 1958.<sup>8</sup> He lived here with his wife, Marion. Hamel operated Hamel & Sons Rubbish Removal from the property through at least the end of the 1970s.

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<sup>1</sup> Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Book 335, p. 572.

<sup>2</sup> Findagrave.com. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/85972166/hedwidge-m-patenaude>. Accessed July 30, 2021.

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<sup>6</sup> Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Book 1016 p. 121.

<sup>7</sup> Social Security Death Index. Ancestry.com.

<sup>8</sup> Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Book 1405, p. 436.

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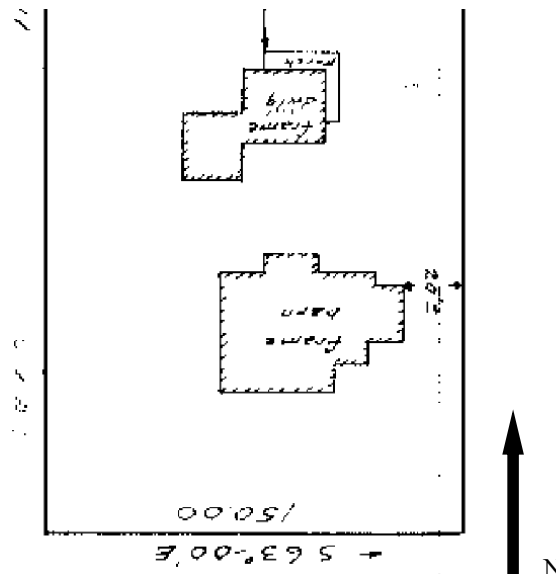
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## SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES

House and barn as depicted in 1958. Middlesex North Registry of Deeds. Plan Book 90, plan 49. Doc. # 9049.  
Barn still standing in the 1970s; demolished before 1994. Buildings were located at south end of lot, as depicted.





**From Google Earth, 2021, before demolition**

