

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no. North Chelmsford	Form no. 82
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



1. Town Chelmsford  
Address 14 Edwards Place  
Name Sheldon House  
Present use residence

Present owner Jas. & Theresa McSheehy

3. Description:

Date 1845 - 1846

Source deeds; tax records; roadbook

Style 1 1/2 story cape

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding  
wood, "modern" garage: right front  
Outbuildings (describe) shed: right rear

Other features 1st floor metal ceilings  
large rock - cellar floor

Altered see attached Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no

5. Lot size:

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre 1.16

Approximate frontage 64.30 feet

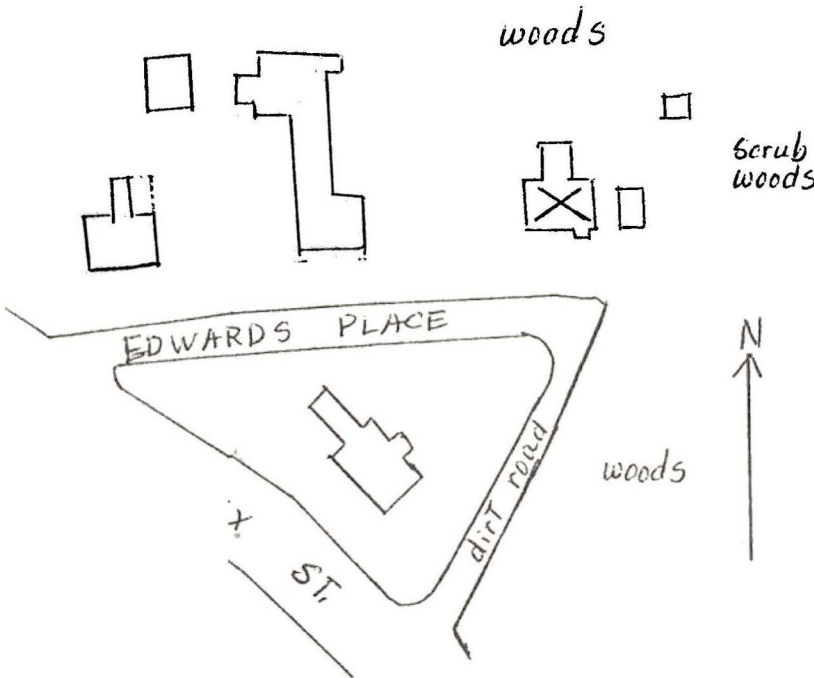
Approximate distance of building from street  
ca 35 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date February 23, 1985

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



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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Charles Swett

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

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)

This house was built within a year from June 1845, when Charles Swett purchased the land from Lincoln Drake, the iron founder of Easton and North Chelmsford. A native of New Hampshire, Mr. Swett worked as a laborer and sexton in North Chelmsford. In 1861 he died of typhoid fever, while under the medical care of his next door neighbor, Dr. Nathan B. Edwards. Three of his children, John F., Anna Maria, and Charles E., deeded their portion of the property to Arthur H. Sheldon, husband of their sister, Sarah Emeline.

Arthur H. Sheldon was a prominent resident of North Chelmsford, serving as selectman for eight times between 1880 and 1899. He was a moulder by occupation. Following his death in 1911, his widow remained in the house until her own death in 1927.

In 1935 the property was sold, ending 90 years of Swett/Sheldon family ownership.

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

1856 Walling's Map; 1875 Beer's Atlas; 1893 Drawing of No. Chelmsford, Geo. Norris, Brockton  
Chelmsford Assessors' & Town Clerk's records, tax/real estate valuation records  
Middlesex No. District Reg. Deeds, Bk. 15, pg. 430 (6/2/1845)  
Chelmsford Book of Roads  
Register of Voters List: 1877, 1884; Street Directories: 1898/99, 1915/16, 1919, 1922  
Chelmsford Vital Records to 1850; History of Chelmsford, by Rev. Wilson Waters  
Mrs. Theresa McSheehy  
Chelmsford Revaluation record: 1970

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

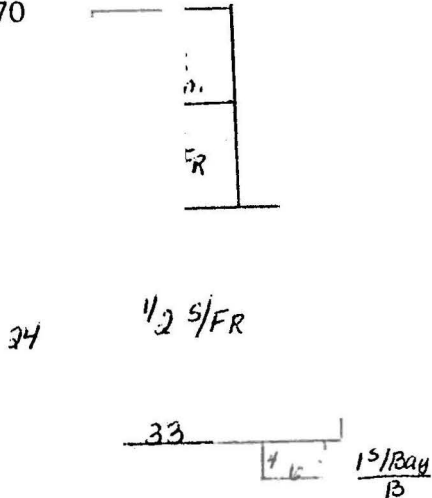
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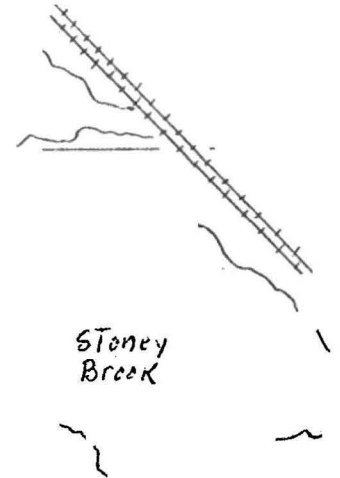
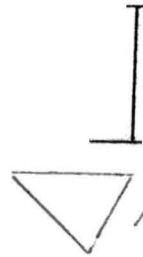
Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below

Alteration

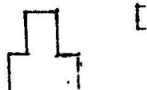
Revaluation sheet  
9/22/1970



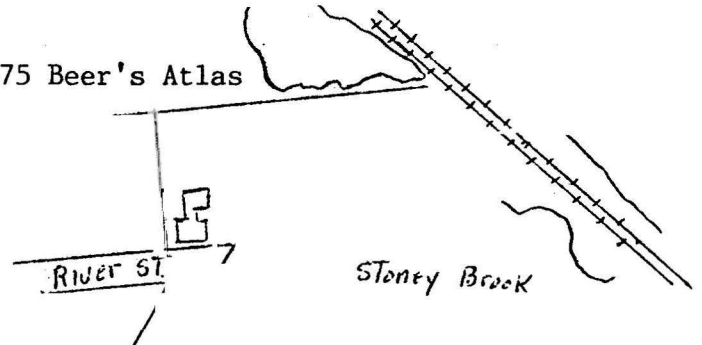
89 Walling's Map



Insurance Map of North Chelmsford  
1952



1875 Beer's Atlas



Modern metal hood: front entrance

Bow window added: before 1893,  
1889

Attached barn (right rear):  
removed late 1936 or  
early 1937

Aluminum siding:

1969: revaluation sheet 9/22/1970  
1950: elderly owner

Modern panelling: parlor, den, kitchen,  
one bedroom walls, before 1950



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1134, pg. 279	2/21/1950	Norman O. & Margaret Wright to John W. 3rd & Theresa McSheehy 1.16 acres & buildings - Crowther plan including rights to lay & maintain pipe (1908)
Bk. 1000, pg. 48	10/27/1943	Stanley A. & Cornelia T. Wright to Norman O. & Margaret Wright 1.16 acres & buildings - Crowther plan
Bk. 933, pg. 539	8/18/1939	Joseph Crowther, unmarried, to Stanley A. & Cornelia T. Wright 1.16 acres & buildings - Crowther plan
Bk. 888, pg. 372	10/22/1936	Central Savings Bank, Lowell, to Joseph & Cassie A. Crowther 2 acres & buildings
Bk. 876, pg. 121	12/06/1935	Sarah Alice Sheldon Reynolds, Teaneck, widow to Central Savings Bank 2 acres & buildings subject: to restrictions & conditions of record
Bk. 501, pg. 595	2/12/1903	Arthur H. Sheldon to Sarah Alice Sheldon, Medford 2 acres & buildings subject: restrictions & conditions(1839)
62, pg. 243	3/30/1868	John F. Swett, Lowell; Ann Maria & Orrin Batchelder, Worcester; Charles E. Swett, Oneida, N.Y. to Arthur H. Sheldon \$1500 2 acres & buildings subject: restrictions & conditions(1839)
North: Bk. 15,p.430 South: Bk.463,p.411	6/02/1845	Lincoln Drake, Easton, to Charles Swett, North Chelmsford \$300 1 acre & 109 sq. rods subject: restrictions & conditions(1839)
North: Bk. 17,p.131 South: Bk.559,p.363	Added Land 4/06/1849	Lincoln Drake, Easton, to Charles Swett, North Chelmsford, yeoman land...bounded...on road running to Charles Swett's house

14 Edwards Place Taken c. 1884 Ada Marie, Clementine, Anna, Sarah Alice Sheldon





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