

FORM B - BUILDING

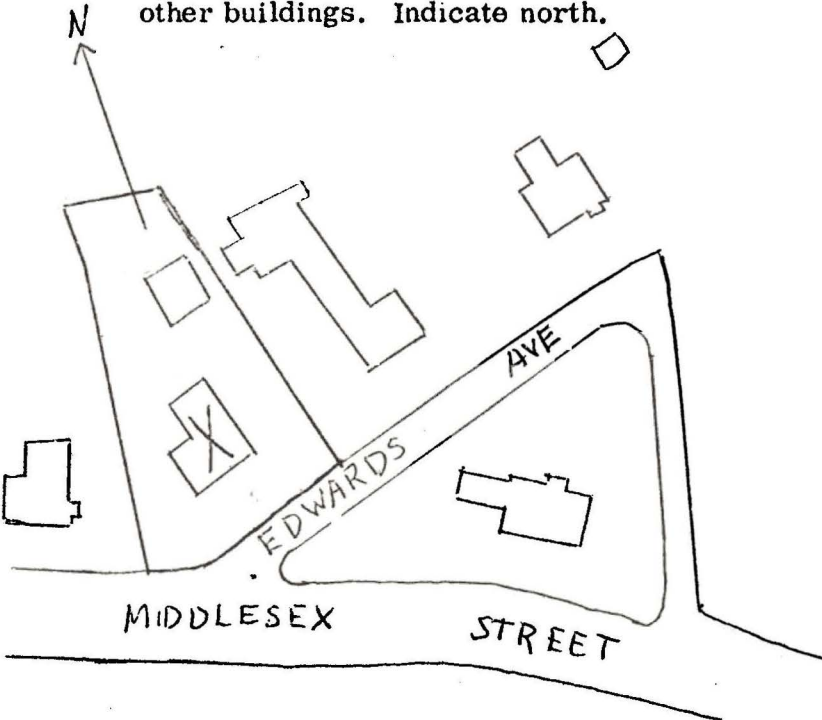
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In Area no. North Chelmsford	Form no. 121
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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

1 Town Chelmsford

Address 2 Edwards Avenue (Place)

Name Oliver Cummings House

Present use residence

Present owner Joseph H. & Mary E. Mercier

3. Description:

Date 1844

Source deeds, tax lists

Style cape

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric lapped clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) right rear of house
2 car garage:hip roof

Other features _____

Altered see attached Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

13,285 sq. ft.
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
22.31 ft.: Middlesex St.
Approximate frontage 97.28 ft.: Edwards Ave.

Approximate distance of building from street
ca 25 ft.: Middlesex St.
ca 28 ft.: Edwards Ave.

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date January 9, 1985

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Oliver Cummings

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)

In December 1843 Oliver Cummings purchased his house lot from Lincoln Drake, and the building was erected the following year. Little is known about Oliver; he was born in Dunstable in 1801 and died of pneumonia in North Chelmsford in 1880. A year and a half after his wife Rebecca died from cancer in 1861, he sold the house to Miss Mary Hollis, who remained here until her death in 1889. From then until 1930 it was under large mill ownership, first by George C. Moore, and later by the United States Worsted Corporation.

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

1856 Walling's map; 1875 Beer's Atlas; 1889 Walker Atlas
 Chelmsford Town Clerk's, Assessors', real estate/valuation records
Dunstable Vital Records to 1855
 Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds: BK. 15, pg. 302 (1843); Bk. of Plans 55, plan 7
 1978 Aerial map; Insurance Maps of Lowell, Mass, including Dracut and North Chelmsford,
 published 1952 by Sanborn Map Company, New York
 Mrs. Mary E. Mercier
 1893 Drawing of North Chelmsford, by Geo. E. Norris, Brockton

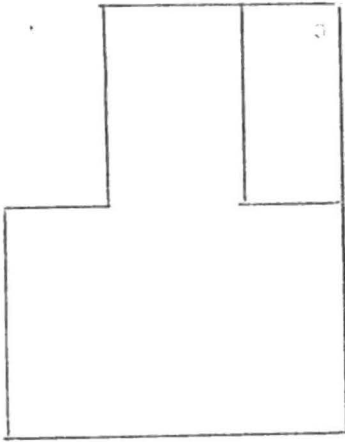
INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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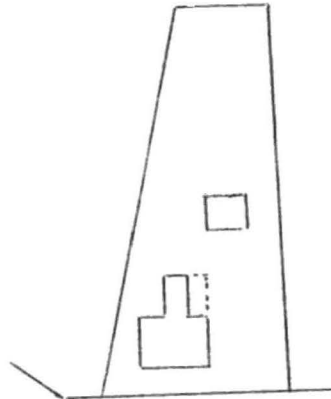
Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 121
Property Name: Oliver Cummings House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below

2, Altered

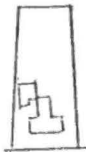


Sept. 23, 1970
Revaluation Card

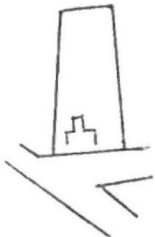


May 1952 Insurance map
Sanborn Map. Co.

May 23, 1930
Book of Plans 55, Plan 7



1889 Walker Atlas



1875 Beers Atlas

Porch: added between 1889 & 1930

Front dormers: added before 1893

Rear dormers: added between 1893 & 1954

Victorian hood over front entrance

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

2 Edwards Avenue

Bk. 1267, pg. 93	8/27/1954	Herman E. Mills to Joseph H. & Mary E. Mercier 13,285 sq. ft. & buildings Lot 15 - 1930 U.S. Worsted plan subject: rights in 1930 Tetley deed
Bk. 806, pg. 113	9/11/1931	Elizabeth Tetley to Herman E. & Florence Mills 13,285 sq. ft. & buildings Lot 15 - 1930 U.S. Worsted plan subject: rights in 1930 Tetley deed
Bk. 791, pg. 422	6/14/1930	Receiver, U.S. Worsted Corporation to Elizabeth Tetley 13,285 sq. ft & buildings Lot 15 - 1930 U.S. Worsted plan subject: right to passageway
Bk. 676, pg. 515	1/12/1923	U.S. Worsted Company to U.S. Worsted Corporation all real estate: Lowell, North Chelmsford, Newton, Saugus
Bk. 464, pg. 50	3/01/1911	Bessie L. Griffin, Buffalo, N.Y.; & George C. Moore, jr. to George C. Moore 2 lots: North Chelmsford 1. land & buildings - Wright Street 2. 10,838 sq. ft. & buildings - northerly side River Street
Bk. 216, pg. 133	3/01/1890	Estate of Mary Hollis to Ella J. Moore \$1900 10,836 sq. ft & house: northerly side River St.
Bk. 34, pg. 357	5/15/1863	Oliver Cummings to Mary Hollis, Tyngsboro 12,742 sq. ft. & buildings: on road to river
North: Bk. 15, p.302 South: Bk.448, p.164	12/09/1843	Lincoln Drake, Easton, to Oliver Cummings, North Chelmsford 13,354 sq. ft. for a house lot



2 Edwards Place

11/20/2009 F. Merriam



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2 Edwards Place

11/20/2005 F. Merriam





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