

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Westford

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Locus Map

See attached

Town/City: Chelmsford

Place: *North Chelmsford*

Address: 42 Groton Road

Historic Name: Amelia Marinel House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1911

Source: Deeds and Taxes

Style/Form: Folk Victorian

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material: Clapboards

Foundation: cement brick

Wall/Trim: wood

Roof: slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Garage

Major Alterations

Several shed like add-ons, dates unknown

Condition:

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .49 acres

Setting: Located in the densely populated N. Chelmsford on a 2 lane state road. It is on a corner lot with side road leading into a residential neighborhood starting to be built about 1900. It is a mix of mostly early single and tenement homes. The jewel of this neighborhood is Varney Playground located on Freeman Lake.

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Organization: Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date: June, 2023

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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:**

This 3 story, 36x52 foot Victorian house has the typical steep slate roof with a flat roof porch that wrapping around the north and east sides with Doric style columns, "S" shaped balusters and square newel posts with round finals. Four wooden stairs with scroll shaped poured concrete sides meet a 33-foot concrete walkway to the street. The north façade has a door on the west side with 2 2/1 windows evenly spaced along the front. All windows are 2/1 with simple frames. The second floor has an oval diamond patterned mullion oculus with a single window on either side. Windows are evenly spaced. The third floor is a full attic under a steep roof, gable runs east to west. In the center of the north facade is a 2-window dormer, a false gable, with a steep triangular pediment, wide cornice board and fish scale pattern wood shingles with returns resting on corner pillars with scroll shaped supports.

The east façade has a 3-window full bay window on the south corner and a single window centered between the bay and north corner of the house. The porch terminates at the southern part of the house with 3 stone steps of local granite at the end of the porch. The second floor has 2 windows evenly space across the façade. The third floor, attic space has 2 evenly spaced windows set within the gable, a narrow decorative belt above the windows and fish scale shaped shingles above the windows. The gable is steep sided with a plain cornice board with returns resting on scroll caps on top of corner posts.

The west façade on the first floor has 2 windows and a backdoor located on the south corner which leads to a deck. The second floor has 3 evenly spaced windows, the center window being a 3-window flat roofed oriole. The third floor has the same evenly spaced 3 windows tucked in the in the steep roofed gable with decorative wooden shingles above the windows. The south façade has a series of add-ons, those records are long gone.

The 520 square foot detached garage sits in the rear of the lot and is accessed by a driveway located on the side street. On its east side are 2 garage doors an oculus set in the gable end. The gable has returns and corner posts mimicking the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

On August 17, 1901, the widow of Charles W. Adams, a prominent land owner, sold the 34,430 sq. ft. parcel of land located on the corner of Groton Road and Canal Street in North Chelmsford to one of North Chelmsford more vibrant citizens, Amelia Marinel.(1)

Mr. and Mrs. John LeMarinel (Emilie Le Gresley) were married about 1842 in St. Saviour, Jersey, England.(2) They immigrated from Jersey, England, in 1870, leaving Liverpool, England aboard the "Cymrie" and finding their way to North Chelmsford. Recorded in the 1905 Resident List, John, Sr., opened a business selling wood, lumber, ice and teaming. According to the 1900 Federal Census, Amelia had become very American by using the American form of Emilie and dropping the "Le" from her last name.(3) Husband John, founded a business and Amelia, who later in life liked to be called Mrs. John Marinel, was busy raising her family of 3 and was busy buying, building and selling real estate. At the time of her death, she had 2 tenements and 3 dwellings other than her own.(4) Town Real Estate Taxes records indicated Amelia built her own home in 1902. The local paper reported Mrs. John Marinel was having a delightful time traveling around England in 1901, around the time her house was being built. Her home was a very busy place. Living with her was her husband, 2 daughters with their husbands, 2 grandchildren and son. Amelia was busy with the local theater group. While her daughter, "little Amelia", performed, Mrs. Amelia worked on

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providing refreshments. Mrs. Amelia was active in the woman's group of the Odd Fellow's. Being British born and raised, Mr. and Mrs. Marinel, were members of the Moore Spinning Cricket Club and was responsible for the catering of the 1909 annual meeting. In 1911, Mrs. Amelia died from stomach cancer.(7)

Upon her death, the house was passed on to Cecelia Small, one of Amelia's daughters.(8) Cecelia or "Little Amelia" was very talented, she frequently performed in musicals and was an accomplished artist "polishing her skills in Paris" in landscapes and still-life's.(9) Frank, her husband, was a grocer and later added ice cream, confectionaries and cigars to the store located in what now is called Vinal Square. In 1919, after Frank's passing(10), the house was sold and Cecelia moved to the Los Angeles area where she was a school teacher until her death. According to her Death Certificate dated March 13, 1928, she was "crushed and mangled caused by being washed down stream when the St. Francis Dam broke. accidental".(11) Her Death Certificate stated she was a school teacher, 51 years old and a widow. Cecelia was cremated before being sent home and is now buried in a local cemetery with her parents.

On October 19, 1919, Cecelia Small sold the house before moving to California to Sarah Jones from Lowell. The 1920 Federal Census notes that Sarah was an Irish immigrant, keeping house for her husband William B.H. Jones, a tailor turned laborer at the worsted mill, Evelyn, stitcher at a hosiery factory, and niece Edith Caddell, a stenographer in a law office, Sarah's nieces and a foster child by the name of Addie Jones.(12) By 1930, the household had changed, husband William was now an operative in a hosiery factory, niece Edith Caddell was working as a stenographer at the wool mill and the couple had a 13 year old son, George.(13) By 1940, Sarah's husband had passed leaving 65 year old Sarah living in the house with 44 year old niece Edith Caddell who was still working as a stenographer in a law office. The 1940 Resident lists show John Marinel, Sr. and Walter Marinel living in the house.

In 1954, Sarah Jones changed the deed to Sarah Jones and Edith Caddell. It is noted in the deeds that Sarah Jones died March 14, 1962 making her the longest living owner of the house.(14) Edith Caddell died September 20, 1996. Blair Finnigan inherited the property by the will of Edith C. Wilbur.(15) Blair Finnigan died January 16, 2012. Since 2012, the property has changed hands several times.

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15. Middlesex Registry of deeds, Jun 13, 2013, Bk 27377/2

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GIS Map, Chelmsford Assessors Office

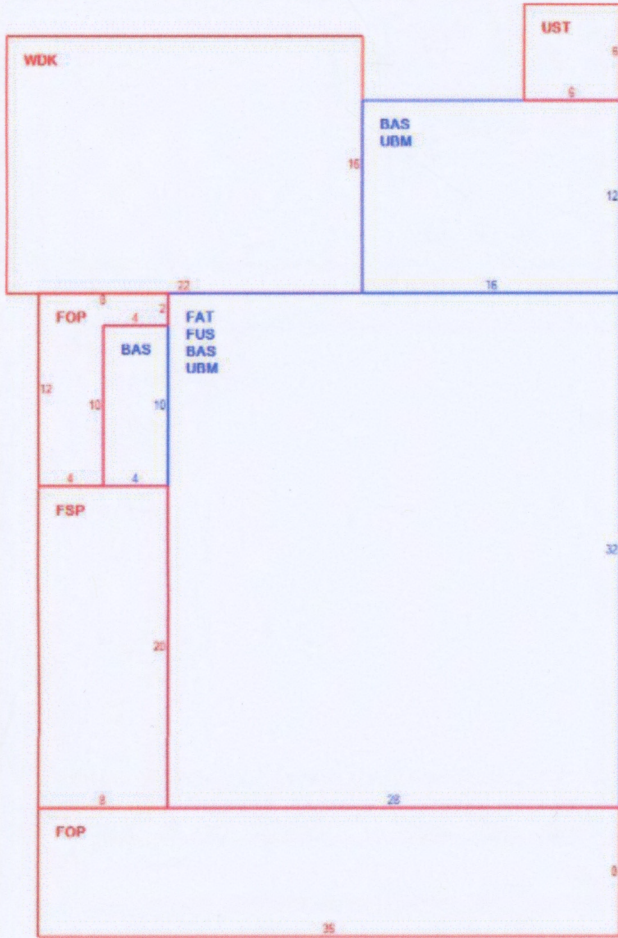
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Assessors Data Base

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Deed Summary

DATE	BK/PG	NAMES	DESCRIPTION
Feb 8 2017	30939/147	Finnegan Trust to Deluca	Blair J. and Jared S. Finnigan, Trustees of the Blair E. Finnigan Trust to Michael B. and Carolyn J. Deluca, husband and wife, tenants of the entirety, both of 75 Dunstable Rd., the land and buildings situated in N. Chelmsford, on the southerly side of Groton Rd. and southwesterly side of Newfield St., described as: Northeasterly by Newfield St, 155.20' ; Southwesterly by Alexander Paruti land, et ux, 148.82'; Southwesterly by Lots 30, 31 and 32 on PB 44/7, 151.20'; Westerly by Lot A on PB 73/41, 30.10'; Northwesterly by Groton Rd., 145.47'. Containing 21,435.12 Sq. Ft. Being the greater portion of Lots 8 and 9 and a portion of Lot 10.
jun 13 2013	27377/2	Finnigan to Finnigan	James T. H. Finnigan of Chelmsford and Blair J. Finnigan of Boston as personal representatives of the Will of Blair E. Finnigan to James T. H. Finnigan of 4 Kirby Lane, Chelmsford and Blair J. Finnigan of 100 Belvidere St., Apt 9E, Boston, MA, as Trustees of Blair E. Finnigan Trust (Dec. 3, 1992, unrecorded trust) the land and buildings situated in N. Chelmsford, on the southerly side of Groton Rd. and southwesterly side of Newfield St., described as: Northeasterly by Newfield St, 155.20' ; Southwesterly by Alexander Paruti land, et ux, 148.82'; Southwesterly by Lots 30, 31 and 32 on PB 44/7, 151.20'; Westerly by Lot A on PB 73/41, 30.10'; Northwesterly by Groton Rd., 145.47'. Containing 21,435.12 Sq. Ft. Being the greater portion of Lots 8 and 9 and a portion of Lot 10.
Aug 16 1954	1269/206	Notes	Sarah C. Jones died March 14, 1962. Edith C. Wilbur died September 20, 1996. Blair E. Finnigan inherited the property by will of Edith C. Wilbur. Blair E. Finnigan died Jan. 16, 2012.

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Aug 16 1954	1269/206	Jones to Jones/Wilbur	Sarah C. Jones, unmarried, of Chelmsford, to Sarah C. Jones (myself) and Edith C. Wilbur, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, both of Chelmsford, the land and buildings situated in N. Chelmsford, on the southerly side of Groton Rd. and southwesterly side of Newfield St., described as: Northeasterly by Newfield St, 155.20' ; Southwesterly by Alexander Paruti land, et ux, 148.82'; Southwesterly by Lots 30, 31 and 32 on PB 44/7, 151.20'; Westerly by Lot A on PB 73/41, 30.10'; Northwesterly by Groton Rd., 145.47'. Containing 21,435.12 Sq. Ft. Being the greater portion of Lots 8 and 9 and a portion of Lot 10. Intending to convey all and the same premises from Cecelia A. Small and Cecelia A. Small, et al., by 2 deeds. Except portion to Alexander Paruti, 965/177 and portion deeded to Marion Finnigan, BK/PG 1096/411.
Oct 19 1919	608/492	Small to Jones	Cecelia A. Small of Chelmsford to Sarah C. Jones of Lowell, the land and buildings situated in N. Chelmsford, point of intersection of the southerly side of Groton Rd. and southwesterly side of Newfield St., described as:Thence Southeasterly along New Field St., 201.20' to a stone bound at land, now or formerly, of Vasselin; thence southwesterly at an angle of 90°28' along Vasselin land 148.82' to a stone bound at land, now or formerly, of Charles W. S. Adams; thence at about a right angle northwesterly along Adams land 270.20' to a stone bound at Groton Rd.; thence easterly along Groton Rd. 157.47' to the point of beginning. Containing 34,430 sq. ft. J.D. Frank Small, husband of Cecelia Small.

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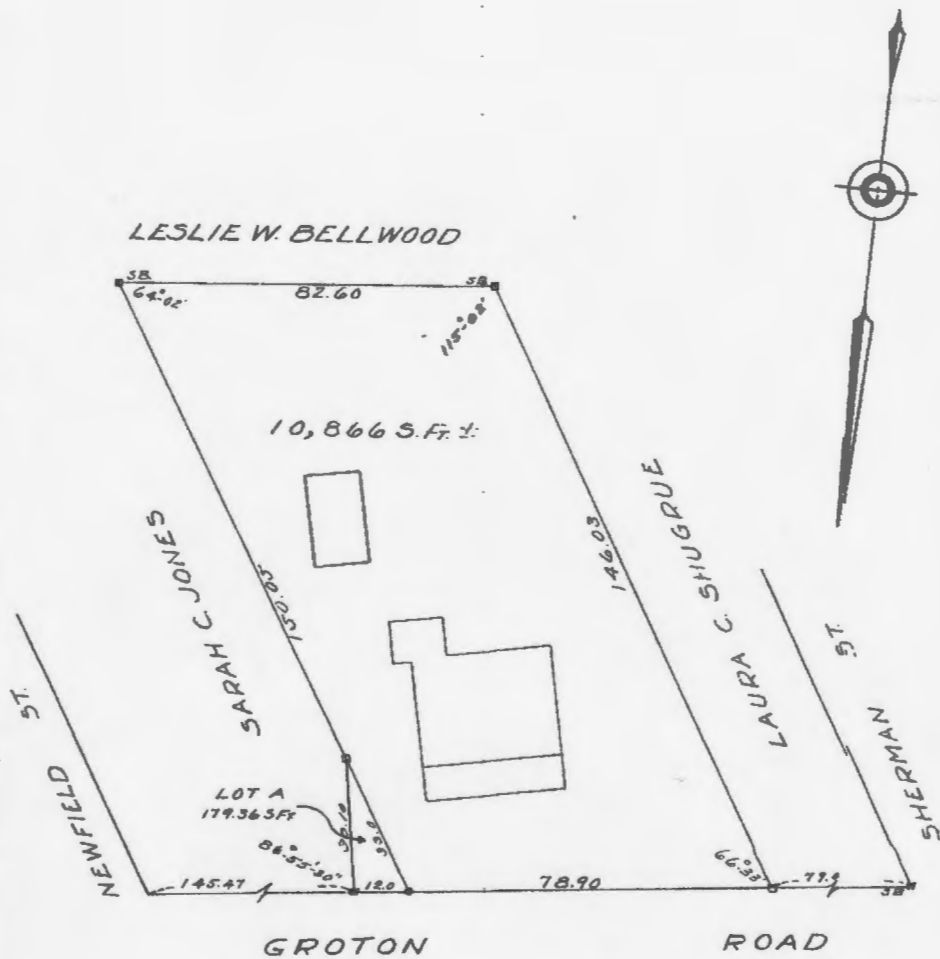
Aug 15 1911	472/385	Mitchell et al to Small	<p>Thomas E. Mitchell and Amelia B. Mitchell, his wife, in her own right, Frank D. Small and Cecelia A. Small, his wife, in her right, Walter N. Le Marinel, aka Walter N. Marinel and John Le Marinel, the senoir of that name, all of Chelmsford to Cecelia A. Small of Chelmsford a certain lot of land situated in the village of N.Chelmsford on point of intersection of the southerly side of Groton Rd. and westerly line of Canal St., described as: Beginning at the intersection of Groton Rd. and Canl St., at a stone bound; thence southeasterly along Canal St., 201.20' to a stone bound at land, now or formerly, of Vasselin; thence southwesterly at an angle of 90"28' along Vasselin land 148.82' to a stone bound at land, now or formerly, of Charles W. S. Adams; thence at about a right angle northwesterly along Adams land 270.20' to a stone bound at Groton Rd.; thence easterly along Groton Rd. 157.47' to the point of beginning. Containing 34,430 sq. ft. Restri ction: No building shall be erected within 25 feet of the street on said streets and no house shall be erected on Canal Street for the distance of 50 feet from Groton road and no house should be erected Groton road for a distance of 50 feet from Canal Street less than 2 stories high. Walter N. Marinel, unmarried and John Le Marinel, unmarried.</p>
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Plan of land in North Chelmsford Mass.
 BELONGING TO THE
THOMAS J. ADAMS ESTATE
 CHARLES W. S. ADAMS.
 SCALE 100 FEET TO AN INCH
 Surveyed May and Sept 1832.
 MELVIN B. SMITH, CIVIL ENGINEER.
 LOWELL, MASS.

PL. 64 PG. 7
 DATE March 18 1874
 For Aboard Plan See Original

Additional to No. 1202 by
 Smith and Brock, Civil Engrs.
 Addition to No. 1202 - Grant and Adams Estates
 by Smith and Brock, Civil Engrs.



PLAN OF LAND IN CHELMSFORD, MASS.
 BELONGING TO
MARION I. FINNEGAN & HILDA M. JONES
 SURVEYED JULY, 1948.

PL BK 73 PG 41
 Date July 21, 1948
 Daniel J. Moriarty
 "For Attested Plan See Original"

BY
J.C. & W.T. MONAHAN
 CIVIL ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS.
 SCALE 1 in. = 20 ft.



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Resident Lists

DATE	SOURCE	PG.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION/LOCAL
1905	Lowell Sub	194	Small	Frank D.		(Queene+Small) grocer Main st n RR crossing NC h B at John Marinel's
		182	Marinel	John		(Marinel+Willstead) Nashua rd n saw mill h Dunstable rd beyond Main NC
				John, Jr.		wood, lumber and ice and teaming, Nashua rd, beyond Main st h do NC
1915		237	Small	Frank D		groceries etc Middlesex n RR crossing h New Field + Groton rd NC
1917		206	Small	Frank D.		(Small&Stone) Stevens cr groc Middlesex n RR crossing also h New field and Groton rd NC
		206	Small&Stone	Celia Small, Frank D & Stone		wife ice cream mnfrs confectionary cigars etc Stevens cor NC
1921		273	Jones	Wlliam B.H. Sarah C.		tailor h Groton cr New Field NC wife
1925-26		219	Jones	William B.H. Sarah C.		tailor h Groton cr New Field NC wife
1930-31	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C. Wm.B.H. Tobias L.	57 64 22	Groton Rd., NC, same res 1930 operative same res 1930 Groton lives at home same res 1930
				Thomas	75	Groton, lives at home same res 1930
1932	Lowell Suburb	162	Marinel Jones	Walter N. Wm.B.H. Sarah C.	51	auto repair same res 1930 mill opr h Grotom NC wife
1939	Voter Lists	dist 2	Jones	William B.H. Sarah C.	65 63	hoisery wkr same res 1938 at home
			Marinel	John Walter N.	75 58	retired 1938 res lowell quarryman same res 1938
1940	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C. Thomas	65 87	at home same res 1939 retired same res 1939
			Marinel	John Walter N.	76 59	retired same res 1939 quarryman same res 1939
1941	Voter Lists		Jones	Bertha L. Sarah C. Andrew Frederic Thomas	30 65 25 88	unemployed same res 1940 housewife same res 1940 laborer s same res 1940 retired same res 1940
			Marinel	John Walter N.	77 60	retired same res 1939 hoister same res 1939
1942	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C.	66	housewife same res 1941
1943	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C.	67	housewife same res 1942

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1944	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C.	68	housewife same res 1943
1946	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C.	70	housewife res same 1945
1947	Voter Lists	21	Jones	Sarah C.	71	housewife res same 1946
		41		Earl R.	48	tel emp lowell res in 1946
		43	Wilbur	Edith M	48	ssecretary same res 1946
1948	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C.	72	housewife
			Wilbur	Edith M.	49	secretary same rres 1947
1950	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C.	71	housewife same res 1949
			Wilbur	Earl R.	51	telephne wkr res same 1949
				Edith M.	51	secretary same res 1949
1952	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C.	76	housewife same res 1951
			Wilbur	Edith	53	secretary same res 1951
				Earl R.	63	telephone wkr same res 1951
1953	Voter Lists		Wilber	Edith M.	54	secretary same res 1952
				Earl R.	64	telephne wkr res same 1949
1955	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C.	79	at home same res 1954
			Wilbur	Edith M.	57	secretary same res 1954
				Earl R.	66	telephone wkr same res 1954
1957	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C.	81	at home same res 1956
				Earl R.	68	telephne wkr res same 1956
				Edith M.	58	secretary same res 1956
1959	Voter Lists		Jones	Sarah C.	12/3/1868	at home same res 1958
			Wilbur	Earl R.	3/2/1896	telephone co wkr same res 1958
				Edith M.	3/2/1896	housewife same res 1958
1961	Voter Lists	64	Jones	Sarah C.	1868	at home same res 1960
			Wilbur	Earl R.	1897	stockroom clerk same res 1960
				Edith M.	1896	housewife same res 1960
1963	Voter Lists	167	Wilbur	Earl R.	1897	retired same res 1962
				Edith M.	1896	housewife same res 1962
1965	Voter Lists	124	Wilbur	Earl R.	1897	retired same res 1964
				Edith	1896	housewife same res 1964

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DATE	DIST/PR	PG/LN	NAME	BUILDING DESCRIPTION	BUILDING VALUE	LAND DESCRIPTION	LOT SIZE SQ. FT.	LAND VALUE
1901	8/2	4/9	Adams, Charles W. S.	set to Almedia Marinel		Lots 8-9-10	34,414	\$ 700.00
1902	8/2	80/24	Marinel, Mrs. John	Dwelling	\$ 700.00	Adams Improved Land	34,414	\$ 700.00
1910	8/-	56/-	Marinel, Mrs. John	Dwelling House	\$ 2,300.00	Adams Lot 8,9 and 10	34,414	500-
				Dwelling House #2	\$ 1,000.00	Home Improved Land	75,000	\$ 100.00
				Dwelling House #3	\$ 900.00	Coburn Improved Land	16,334	\$ 300.00
				Dwelling House(Coburn) #1	\$ 2,100.00			
				Dwelling House (Coburn)#2	\$ 2,100.00			
1911	8/-	87/30	Marinel, Mrs. John	Dwelling set to Cecelia Small, Dist 8	\$ 2,300.00	Adams Lots 8,9 and 10	34,414	\$ 500.00
				Garage	\$ 300.00			
				2 Tenements	\$ 1,000.00	Home Improved Land	7500	\$ 100.00
				Dwelling #3	\$ 900.00			
				Dwelling (Coburn #1)	\$ 2,100.00	Coburn Improved Land	8167	\$ 250.00
				Dwelling (Coburn #2)	\$ 2,100.00	Coburn Improved Land	8167	\$ 250.00
1915	8/-	-/15	Small, Cecelia, Mrs A.	Dwelling	\$ 2,300.00	Adams Lots 8,9 and 10	34,414	\$ 500.00
				Garage	\$ 300.00			
1920	8/-	93/41	Jones. Sarah C and Wllm C.	Dwelling	\$ 3,000.00	Adams Lots 8,9 and 10	34,414	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 350.00			
1922	8	66/34	Jones. Sarah C and Wllm C.	Dwelling	\$ 3,000.00	Adams Lots 8,9 and 10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 350.00			
1923	8	89/38	Jones. Sarah C and Wllm C.	Dwelling	\$ 3,100.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 350.00			
1924	8	110/37	Jones. Sarah & Wm BH	Dwelling	\$ 3,600.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1925	2	109/34	Jones, Wllm BH & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,600.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1926	2	-/2	Jones, Wllm BH & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,500.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1926	2	80/22	Jones, Wllm BH & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,500.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1928	2	82/1	Jones, Wllm BH & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,500.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1930	2	86/29	Jones, Wllm BH & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,500.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1931		115/43	Jones, Wllm BH & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,500.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1932		99/40	Jones, Wllm BH & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,500.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1933		101/24	Jones, Wllm BH & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,500.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1934		106/9	Jones, Wllm BH & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,500.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1935		-/17	Jones, Wllm DW & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,500.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			
1936		110/17	Jones, Wllm & Sarah	Dwelling	\$ 3,500.00	Groton Rd Adams Lots 8,9,10	34,415	\$2,000.00
				Garage	\$ 400.00			