

# FORM B – BUILDING

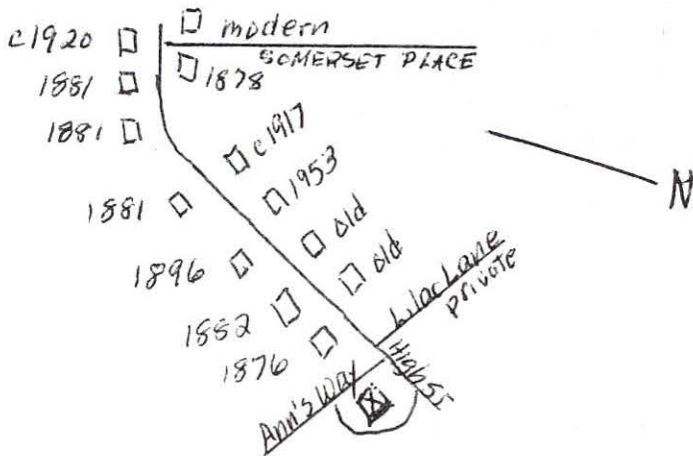
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



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## Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any.



Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization for Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date (month year) June 2006

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

93/357/8 Tyngsboro 307

Town Chelmsford  
 Place (neighborhood or village) Chelmsford Center

Address 58-60 High Street

Historic Name Thomas W. Marshall House

Uses: Present residence, single family

Original residence, single family

Date of Construction 1876

Source tax records  
 Middlesex North District Registry Deeds, Bk. 113, pg. 164

Style/Form Victorian

Architect/Builder unknown

## Exterior Material:

Foundation Cut granite blocks cemented together

Wall/Trim clapboard

Roof slate; ridge type with gables at front & rear.

## Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Barn became garage after 1971, good condition  
 b. 1876

## Major Alterations (with dates) see continuation

1887 repaired and enlarged; Eugene Prescott, carpenter  
 bay windows, verandas added; interior changes.  
 Rear additions probably at this time.

Condition good

Moved  no  yes Date

Acreage 1.36 acres

Setting This house is located on the corner of a relatively new road & a very old one which goes up the side of Robin Hill. A paved driveway leads from High St. along the left side of the house to an unattached barn. A line of trees is left of the driveway. Beside the right side of the house a stone wall and trees are next to Ann's Way. A flagstone patio is at the rear of the building. A long lawn & garden go down toward the rear of the lot.

## BUILDING FORM

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The 2½ story Victorian dwelling at 58-60 High St. is typical of many in Chelmsford and here on High St., which have been erected in the later half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Double brackets decorate a majority of the eaves and on the porches. Fluted pilasters adorn the corners of the main house and ell. An interesting and unusual decoration is above the front window under the gable.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

*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.*

The residence at 58 - 60 High St. was erected in 1876 for Thomas W. Marshall, who had purchased the land the previous fall. He and his family lived there a few years before moving in 1883 to Orange, having "leased his place on Robin's Hill to Mr. S. N. Kitchen." Three years later R. I. Prescott of Watertown leased it for two years, taking possession April 1, 1886. However, in the spring of 1887 Mr. Marshall by then living in Holyoke, sold the property to Louis A. Young of Provincetown. In Jan. 1888 Mrs. Prescott moved into the house, which had been repaired and enlarged by Louis Young. The latter man was residing there in 1891 and probably until Jan. 1893, when the building was sold to Nat. Currier of Somerville.

The residence was sold then several times and perhaps rented out until 1894, when, Daniel E. Atwood and his wife Lizzie came from Stow and formerly of Westford, and purchased it and remained there for several years. He was a farmer, who died in 1931. Lizzie was a 77 year old widow when she died of tuberculosis on Nov. 4, 1932. Earlier that year she had put the property into her name and her daughter, Jessie Atwood Stewart. Jessie and her husband, Harold B. Stewart, were living at 52 High St., which they had had erected in 1924, and they continued to live there. The house at 58-60 High Street became a two family residence and was rented out. In 1978, when it was sold to James & Cynthia Robinson, who lived in one of the apartments. The renters on the other floor abused it badly.

The present owners purchased the property in 1983 and have since resided there with their children.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Chelmsford Eagle: Dec. 15, 1883

Lowell Weekly Journal: Apr. 16, 1886; June 24, 1887; Sept. 16, 1887, Nov. 4, 1887; May 25, 1894

Chelmsford Eagle: Dec. 15, 1883

"Our Annual" #1, a Baptist paper: Jan. 1888

Records of Chelmsford Assessors, Town Clerk, Building Inspector

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds: Bk. 113, pg. 164; 10/11/1875; Solomon Parkhurst to Thomas W. Marshall

Chelmsford Cemetery records

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
CHELMSFORD

Property Address  
60 HIGH STREET

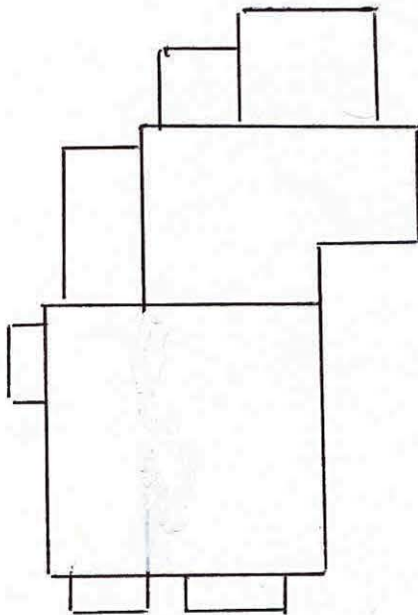
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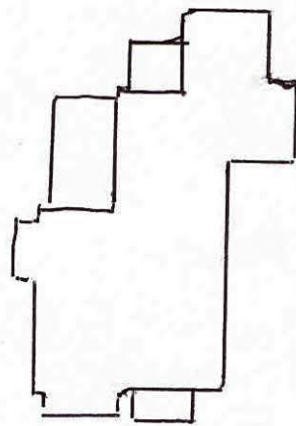
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## Alterations

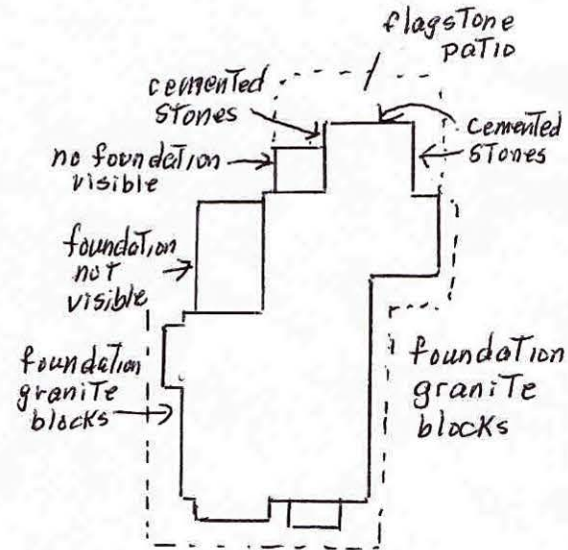
- 1887, Sept-Nov. between \$1000 and \$2000 spent in improvements on the buildings and grounds. The addition of bay windows and verandas, together with a partial remodeling of the interior, has nearly transformed the original house into a new one. Eugene Prescott does the carpenter work. The rear ell with porch (left side) may have been added at this time.
- Unknown Extreme rear section added
- 1980-2 front steps replaced



Assessors' records  
May 20, 1971



Assessors' Records  
Jan. 3, 2006



Historical Comm. visit  
June 16, 2006

58 - 60 High Street  
Middlesex North District of Deeds  
1893 Young plan, plan bk. 8, plan 33 - no buildings  
August 1924 Daniel Atwood plan - no buildings  
Lot No. 1 & 2: 1875 R.W. Baker Plan - not located

Bk. 2602, pg. 246	04/08/1983	James S. & Cynthia P. Robinson to James M. & Jane M. Bleck, 58 High Street \$110,000 1.36 A. & buildings: southeast side High St. same: 1978 St. Onge deed, bk. 2297, pg. 491
Bk. 2297, pg. 491	04/14/1978	Eugene F. & Rita M. St. Onge to James S. & Cynthia Robinson, 58 High St. \$68,000 1.36 A. & buildings: southeast side High St. same: 1970 Harvey deed, bk. 1916, pg. 539
Bk. 1916, pg. 539	03/25/1970	Carole A. Harvey to Eugene F. & Rita M. St. Onge, 58 High St. \$1 1.36 A. & buildings: southeast side High St. subject: mortgages same: St. Onge deed of even date
Bk. 1916, pg. 538	03/25/1970	Eugene F. & Rita M. St. Onge to Carole A. Harvey \$1 1.36 A. & buildings: southeast side High St. subject: mortgages same: Howe deed, bk. 1884, pg. 448 & bk. 1903, pg. 84
Bk. 1903, pg. 84	09/30/1969	Ruth Howe to Eugene F. & Rita M. St. Onge, 15 Lantern Lane consideration paid confirmation of error, May 12, 1969 deed: bound given as 108 instead of 180 1.36 A. & buildings: southeast side High St. same: 1948 Stewart deed, bk. 1094, pg. 306
Bk. 1884, pg. 448	05/12/1969	Ruth Howe to Eugene F. & Rita M. St. Onge, 15 Lantern Lane consideration paid 1.36 A. & buildings: southeast side High St. same: 1948 Stewart deed, bk. 1094, pg. 306
Bk. 1462, pg. 170	12/12/1959 affadavit	Jessie Atwood Stewart
Bk. 1094, pg. 306	06/23/1948	Jessie Atwood Stewart to Ruth Howe consideration paid 1.36 A. & buildings: southeast side High St. part of: 1932 Snow deed, bk. 814, pg. 553
Bk. 1094, pg. 305	06/23/1948	Carleton E. Atwood, Newtonville; Grace A. Willett, Westford, to Jessie Atwood Stewart consideration paid land & building: southeast side of High St.

Bk. 814, pg. 553	06/17/1932	Perry T. Snow to Lizzie A. Atwood & Jessie Atwood Stewart consideration paid same: parcel on August 1924 Daniel Atwood plan title: Atwood deed of even date
Bk. 814, pg. 552	06/17/1932	Lizzie A. Atwood, widow, to Perry T. Snow consideration paid land. & buildings: southeast side High St. same: parcel on August 1924 Daniel Atwood plan title: sole survivor of grantees in 1924 Atwood deed, bk. 711, pg. 540
Bk. 711, pg. 540	09/04/1924	Harold B. & Jessie Atwood Stewart to Daniel E. & Lizzie A. Atwood consideration paid same: parcel on August 1924 Daniel Atwood plan same: southwesterly portion of Atwood deed of even date
Bk. 711, pg. 539	09/04/1924	Daniel E. Atwood to Harold B. & Jessie Atwood Stewart consideration paid 3.481 A. & buildings: southeast side of High St. 1893 Young plan, plan bk. 8, plan 33 same: 1894 Draper deed, bk.254, pg. 56
Bk. 279, pg. 394	10/27/1894	Alice Ames Draper, Canton, wife of James Sumner DraperC, to Daniel E. Atwood, formerly of Stow \$1 all right & title 3.481 homestead: grantee now over age 21, born Sept, 22, 1873 1893, Young plan same: 1894 Dodge deed, bk. 254, pg. 56
Bk. 254, pg. 56	05/09/1894	Charles B Dodge, Concord & James Sumnere Draper, Canton to Daniel E. Atwood \$1 subject: \$3000 mortgage 3.481 A.: 1893 Young Plan same: 1 <sup>st</sup> parcel in 1894 McIntire deed, bk. 250, pg. 73
Bk. 250, pg. 73	01/09/1894	Charles H. McIntire, Lowell, to Charles B. Dodge, Canton \$1 1 <sup>st</sup> lot: 3.48 A. & buildings: Young Plan subject: \$3000 mortgage same: Currier deed, bk. 240, pg. 176 2 <sup>nd</sup> lot: land & buildings in Lowell subject: \$1100 mortgage same: Dodge & Draper in 2 deeds to McIntire
Bk. 250, pg. 533	01/08/1894	Charles E. Dodge & James Sumner Draper to Charles H. McIntire, Lowell 3.481 A. & buildings: L.A. Young plan same: Currier deed, bk. 240, pg. 176

Bk. 246, pg. 377	07/22/1893 mortgage	Frank M. Clark, Lowell, unmarried, to Charles B. Dodge, Concord, & James Sumner Draper, Canton \$800 3.481 A.: High St., 1893 Young plan subject: \$300 mortgage held by Gilbert Perkins same: bk. 240, pg. 176  Mortgage was defaulted
Bk. 246, pg. 375	07/21/1893	Nat Currier, unmarried, Somerville, to Frank M. Clarke, Lowell \$1 3.481 A.: High St., 1893 Young plan subject: \$300 mortgage held by Gilbert Perkins same: bk. 240, pg. 176
Bk. 240, pg. 176	02/01/1893	Henry S. Patten, Boston, to Nat Currier, Somerville \$1 3.481 A.: High St., 1893 Young plan subject: \$300 mortgage held by Gilbert Perkins
Bk. 240, pg. 175	01/30/1893	Nat Currier, Somerville to Henry S. Patten, Boston \$1 3.481 A.: High St., 1893 Young plan same: 1893 Young deed, bk. 239, pg. 249
Bk. 239, pg. 249	01/05/1893	Louis A. Young to Nat Currier, Somerville \$1 3.481 A.: High St., 1893 Young plan portion of 2 <sup>nd</sup> parcel: Marshall deed, bk. 113, pg. 164
Bk. 189, pg. 519	06/16/1887	Thomas W. Marshall to Louis A. Young, Provincetown \$7000 3 tracts of land 1. 2 1/3A. near Robbin's Hill same: 1875 Sewll Parkhurst deed, bk. 114, pg. 516 2. 253,291 sq. ft land: south side road past house of Solomon Parkhurst Lot No. 1 & 2: 1875 R.W. Baker Plan 3. 3 A.: west side Acton Rd. subject: lease to one Prescott
Bk. 113, pg. 164	10/11/1875	Solomon Parkhurst to Thomas W. Marshall \$1017.58 253,291 sq. ft: south side of road leading past house of said Parkhurst Lot No. 1 & 2: 1875 R.W. Baker Plan (recorded)

Chelmsford Eagle

Dec. 15, 1883 – Mr. Thomas Marshall, who has lately removed with his family to Orange, where he has employment, has leased his place on Robin's Hill to Mr. S. N. Kitchen

Baptist paper "Our Annual", #1

Jan. 1888

High St. – Mr. Young's house repaired & enlarged, now occupied by Mrs. Prescott

Lowell Weekly Journal

April 16, 1886 – T. W. Marshall has leased his premises on High street for two years to R. I. Prescott of Watertown, who takes possession April 29.

June 24, 1887 – Mr. Thomas Marshall, a former resident, but now living in Holyoke, has sold his estate on High street, comprising about 12 acres of land with buildings, to a gentleman from Providence, Rhode Island, who will probably occupy it next spring.

Sept. 16, 1887 – Mr. Charles Young, the recent purchaser of the T. W. Marshall property on High street, is expending between \$1000 and \$2000 in improvements on the buildings and grounds. Mr. Young evidently believes in progress. Eugene Prescott does the carpenter work.

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Dec. 18, 1891 – P. J. Brennan is building a house on High street opposite the residence of L. A. Young.

Brennan – 61 High St.

Young – 60 High St.

May 25, 1894 – Mr. D. E. Atwood of Stow, and formerly of Westford, has taken possession of his newly-acquired premises on High street

Vital Records:

Nov. 4, 1932 death record

Lizzie Atwood, widow of Daniel E. Atwood

age 77-4-12 tuberculosis

resided, died, buried: Chelmsford

housewife

born: Stow, daughter of Jerome H. Davidson & Harriet E. Hole, both born Stow

Cemetery Records

Pine Ridge Cemetery: 1 lot

Daniel Elliot Atwood – Feb. 21, 1931

Lizzie Atwood - Nov. 4, 1932

Harold B. Stewart – June 5, 1937

Annie Stewart – Aug. 3, 1931

Isaac Jarvis Stewart – June 27, 1941

Jessie Stewart – not listed in any Chelmsford cemetery records

Margaret Mills::

60 High Street – next house up from #50 High St.

Robinsons are there now.

was owned by Jessie Stewart's parents, who were Atwood

Jessie Stewart's land used to be Atwoods' orchards

52 High Street – 2006 owned by Vanderheide

built by Jessie Stewart & her husband Harold

\$4000

Mr. Boyd, father of Roger, did a lot of the work on it

## 60 High Street

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Public Safety

Town of Chelmsford, Mass.



INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS  
256-8346

June 30, 1980

Mr/ James Robinson  
60 High St.  
Chel. Ma. 01824

Re: Safety Violations

Dear Sir:

It has come to the attention of this office that your property at 60 High St. is not being properly maintained. On inspection I found the front steps to be in very poor condition. I believe from their appearance the repairs made were meant to be temporary. Assuming from this I would expect to see these steps fixed permanently, very soon.

Under Chapter 802, Mass. State Bldg. Code, Section 104, it is the owners responsibility to keep his property maintained in a safe way at all times.

If this office can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,

Ronald W. Wetmore  
Building Inspector

RWW/cc

July 3, 1980

Mr. Ronald Wetmore,  
Building Inspector  
Town of Chelmsford  
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

I received your letter of June 30th, 1980 regarding my property at 58 - 60 High Street, Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

You were correct in assuming that we had made a temporary repair to the steps not long ago.

We do intend to make a permanent repair to the steps, but we have a complication that I would like to bring to your attention.


Robert Nocella and Jane Warren are occupants of the apartment at 60 High Street and are under legal order to vacate the premises. Since their eviction notice was served, they have harrassed my wife and myself to the point where we have had to move out of our own apartment (58 High Street). During this period they have used all means, including the Board of Health (you might talk with Bob Greenwood), the Police (I would ask you to talk with Chief McKeon), and your own department to make life difficult for us.

I recognize that the steps need replacement, but the tenant's son has a motorcycle which he keeps in the front hall of the house and rides up and down the front steps, thus causing much of the problems with the steps.

I am, therefore, reluctant to spend the money to replace the steps until after they move out of the apartment. I will continue to make repairs to the steps to a reasonable degree with the commitment to replace after they have vacated the premises.

I hope that this will be in accord with your responsibilities, but, should you wish to discuss this further with me, please call me at work between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at

Very truly yours,

  
James S. Robinson,  
58 High Street  
Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824



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