

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	265



in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

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| modern | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> 1888 # 263 |
| 1887 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> 1890/1 |
| 1916 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> early 1900s? |
| modern | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 1903 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> ca 1890 |
| #269 1893 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> 1894 |
| #264 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Revival #272 |
| #265 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> ca 1891 |
| 1891 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> 1887 |
- N
- Fore Fathers' Cemetery

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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Chelmsford
 Address 46-48 Littleton Road
 Name _____
 Present use 2 family residence
 Present owner Frederick E. Breen

3. Description:
 Date 1892-3
 Source Lowell Weekly Journal
 Style Queen Anne
 Builder _____
 Architect Charles E. Parkhurst

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features fishscale & alternating shingles under gables; circular stained glass window
 Altered see attached Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
9563 sq. ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre
 Approximate frontage 71.7 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
ca 26.5 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury
 Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission
 Date September 6, 1981

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Matthias Hutchins

Original use residence - rental

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion
Architectural	<u>X</u>	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)

The contract to build this house was given to Charles E. Parkhurst in October 1892. The dwelling was boarded and shingled in December and completed by June 1893. Originally this Queen Anne building was almost identical to the house at 52 Littleton Road (#269), built a few months later, and a mirror image of the one just completed at 11 Bridge Street (#270). Matthias Hutchins was the owner of both houses on Littleton Road and lived between them, at 50 Littleton Road (#264).

Two of the Hutchins' four daughters were mentally incompetent, and Mr. Hutchins apparently built and rented the houses to pay for their support. The first of these two daughters died in 1897, but the second, Mary Ella, remained in the hospital for 63 years, until her death in 1951. The house was then sold out of the Hutchins family.

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

1889 Atlas

Lowell Weekly Journal: 10/21/1892, 11/4/1892, 12/23/1892, 5/19/1893, 7/7/1893

Midd. North Dist. Deeds: B.184, pg.447(1886); b.1203, pg.383(1951)

Plan Bk. 82, plan 35B (1951)

Middlesex Co. Probate Court: Dockets #23942, 54106

Town Hall: Town Clerk - death records, 1907 road plan; Assessors - revaluation card

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

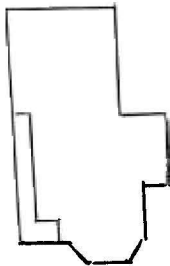
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Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 265
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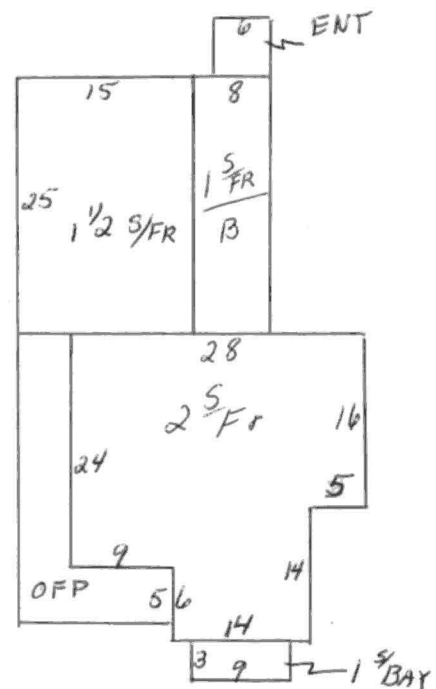
Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

3. Alterations

1907 Road plan
1951 Plan (Bk. 82, Plan 35B)
Scale: 40 ft. = 1 inch



7/8/1971 Revaluation Card



This house has been changed the least of the three similar houses built in the early 1890s by Charles E. Parkhurst (see #269, 52-54 Littleton Rd., & #270, 11 Bridge St.). Until covered by aluminum siding sometime after 1956, the wallcovering on the first story was clapboard, and shingles were on the second story.

If the rear entry was not on the house originally, it was added before 1951 during the Hutchins' ownership, even though it does not appear on the plans of that time.

The house had been divided into two apartments (1 on each floor) before being sold out of the Hutchins estate.

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46 Littleton Road
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Bk. 2323, pg. 401	8/31/1978	Thomas J. & Chare W. Wilson, Andover, to Frederick E. & Diane B. McBreen, 46-48 Littleton Rd. \$44,000 9,563 sq. ft. & buildings thereon - Lot 1, Hutchins Plan
2101, pg. 525	2/14/1974	Donald H.; & Louise E. Caless of Littleton to Thomas J. & Clare E. Wilson, Lexington \$30,000 9,563 sq. ft. & buildings thereon - Lot 1
Bk. 1544, pg. 563	1/17/1962	Joseph L. & Marcelle M.J. Devanney, Billerica to Donald & Louise E. Caless, Westford 9,563 sq. ft. & buildings thereon - Lot 1
Bk. 1389, pg. 71	11/22/1957	Robert H. & Marian E. Hoyle to Joseph L. & Marcelle M.J. Devanney, Lowell 9,563 sq. ft. & buildings thereon - Lot 1
1324, pg. 424	1/26/1956	Fred Cristy & Grace M. Pettee to Robert H. & Marian S. Hoyle 9,563 sq. ft. & buildings thereon - Lot 1
1269, pg. 12	9/14/1954	Forrest Lee & Elizabeth A. Donovan to Fred Cristy & Grace M. Pettee 9,563 sq. ft. & buildings thereon - Lot 1
1203, pg. 383	7/31/1951	Est. of Mary Ella Hutchins to Forrest Lee & Elizabeth A. Donovan 9563 sq. ft. & buildings thereon - Lot 1
Middlesex Probate Docket #300179	1951	Estate of Mary E. Hutchins
Middlesex Probate Docket #54106	1900	Estate of Matthias Hutchins
Bk. 184, pg. 447	10/20/1886	Josiah R. Fletcher to Matthias Hutchins \$1800 7/8 acre & buildings thereon

Littleton Road

Lowell Weekly Journal:

July 31, 1891 - Mr. Matthias Hutchins is about to build two good houses upon the eligible vacant lot opposite his homestead on Littleton street.

Oct. 21, 1892 - Mr. Matthias Hutchins has let the contract to Charles E. Parkhurst to build a two-story frame house on Littleton street east of the owner's present residence. It will be of the same general design of the Caverly house on Bridge street. Mr. Hutchins has the taste, disposition, and ability to materially improve his estate, and he has constantly exercised these qualities since he took possession of the premises.

Nov. 4, 1892 - Mr. Matthias Hutchins has decided to build another house west of his present domicile on Littleton street. This is a commendable enterprise.

Dec. 23, 1892 - Littleton street bears off the palm for business activity this month. John Byfield, proprietor of the Beaver Knitting works, has a force preparing the foundation for a boarding house which he intends to build at once. Just beyond, Adams & Dutton are digging the cellar for a two-story house. Matthias Hutchins new house is boarded and shingled, and he is making preparations for a similar structure beyond his present home. The probabilities are that a dwelling will be built on the opposite side of the street another season. F. W. Worthen, as previously announced, has made substantial improvements upon his premises.

April 7, 1893 - R. W. Dix is digging the cellar for Matthias Hutchins' new house on Littleton street. Charles E. Parkhurst, who has the contract for the building, expects to begin work about May 1.

May 19, 1893 - Littleton street is doing its full share of building this season. Charles E. Parkhurst has under way for Matthias Hutchins two well-built houses, one of which is nearly completed, and he expects to put up a cottage house on the Wilson lot just below the machine shop.

July 7, 1893 - Tenants are ready to occupy Mr. Hutchins' new houses on Littleton street as soon as completed. Such handsome, thoroughly-constructed dwellings are in quick demand in this village.

July 14, 1893 - Russell P. Smith expects to occupy this week one of Mr. Hutchins' new houses on Littleton street.

Aug. 25, 1893 - Mr. Matthias Hutchins' nearly-completed new dwelling on Littleton street has been hired by Francis H. Scales of Lowell, who expects to occupy it next month.

Sept. 22, 1893 - F. H. Scales of Lowell, who had taken a lease of Matthias Hutchins' new house on Littleton street, has surrendered the same on account of a change in his business, which will necessitate his residence elsewhere.

June 8, 1894 - E. L. Hartford of Lowell has hired one of Matthias Hutchins' new houses on Littleton street. There are now no vacant tenements on this street, and but few in the village within five minutes' walk of the station.

Lowell Weekly Journal

April 2, 1897 - Died, Sunday, at the asylum in Medfield, Hattie, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Matthias Hutchins of this village, aged 45 years. Miss Hutchins was taken to the Worcester lunatic hospital last autumn and then transferred to Medfield. Burial at Carlisle.

August 31, 1900 - Matthias Hutchins of Chelmsford died Friday night at his home in Littleton street, at 6:15 o'clock, aged 74 years. He was a native of Carlisle and the son of Deacon Benjamin Hutchins. He had lived in Chelmsford about 20 years, prior to which he was for several years a resident of Lowell, and in company with George Hutchins contracted for watering the streets.

Mr. Hutchins in his prime was an active, sagacious business man, but for the past 3 years both his mental and physical powers had been waning. Besides his widow, he leaves three daughters residing respectively in Carlisle, Boxboro and Worcester.

May 3, 1901 - Mr. Dawson and family, from Lowell, are occupying one of the Hutchins houses on Littleton street.



