

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Assessor's Number **83/320/8** USGS Quad **Billerica** Area(s) **113** Form Number

Town **Chelmsford**
 Place *(neighborhood or village)*

Address **57 Littleton Rd.**

Historic Name **Ludwig/Hall House**

Uses: Present residence, 1 family

Original residence, 1 family

Date of Construction **summer 1890**

Source **Lowell Weekly Journal
 Middlesex North District Reg. Deeds 215/517**

Style/Form **Victorian**

Architect/Builder **A.W. Holt**

Exterior Material:

Foundation **cut granite: main house
 cement: rear**

Wall/Trim **vinyl siding**

Roof **gable, front to back**

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
 garage: repaired \$100 in 1957
 unattached, at right rear of house

Major Alterations *(with dates)* **see continuation sheet**
 1 then 2 but now again a 1 family residence
 ca 1970 enclosed the porch enclosed on right of the ell, and
 rear portion added; sunroom: added, above rear of ell

Condition **good**

Moved no yes Date

Acreage **1 acre**

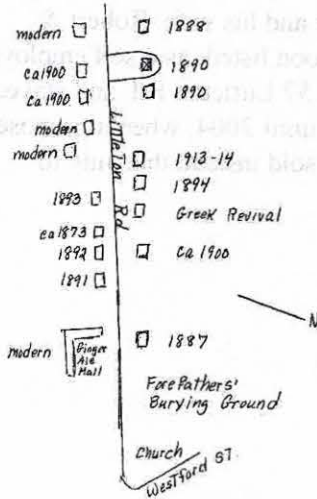
Setting **residential, on busy Rt. 110. It is set back
 somewhat from the street and rises somewhat above the
 house to its left (west).**

Photograph



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. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



Recorded by **Jane Drury**

Organization **for Chelmsford Historical Commission**

Date (month / year) **November 2004**

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION see continuation sheet

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

This residence at 57 Littleton Road is typical of many other homes built in Chelmsford during the same general period. Although siding installed probably after 1983, which the current owners hope to remove, covers some of these features, ornamental brackets do remain. Fancy shingles, which were under gables (front, front stoop, right side gable over bow window) are either covered or were removed when the siding was put on.

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.

In the spring of 1890 John Ludwig of Lowell purchased the land for \$400. Soon after May 16th of the same year the erection of the house was begun by A.W. Holt, a local builder. By the middle of October of that year Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig were "pleasantly located in their new house" and received a visit one evening by 40 of their Lowell friends. John Ludwig was a machinist by trade. Six years later they sold their residence to William H. Hall, who was then a patternmaker. He had been living with his parents at 35 Middlesex Street in North Chelmsford. On June 3, 1896 William married Hortense Parkhurst in a "very fashionable wedding celebrated in the Unitarian Church," where he served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 35 years. They raised three daughters, Dorothy, born in 1898, and twins Margaret and Katherine, born in 1903. In 1898 his occupation was listed as a daughtsman. Around 1920 he became the purchasing agent for the Saco-Lowell Company in Lowell. He was retired when he suffered a fatal heart attack in 1929 at age of 58 years, but his widow remained in the house. Dorothy became a teacher in Boston and Pittsburg before returning home to live with her mother and commute to teach in North Attleboro. Before her marriage Katherine also taught school and lived with her widowed mother. Hortense and Dorothy died in 1946. The house became a two family home and rented out to James and Ruth Johnston. James was a plumber by occupation, but the couple also ran Johnston's Bake Shop in their home. In 1950 the house was sold by Margaret and Katherine, both of whom had been married, to Robert and Winifred McConeghy of Milford, MA. The McConeghys ran a nursery on the second floor and lived on the first floor and in part of the second.. The house was sold in 1963 to a personnel worker and wife and in 1967 to an engineer and his wife. Robert & Dorothy Carrison purchased it in 1969. A mechanic, Robert became an "Exxon director", but was soon listed as a self employed mechanic. He and Dorothy raised at least four children, but they divorced in 1989. Dorothy retained 57 Littleton Rd. and stayed there with some of her children. Following her death in 2001, her son Henry continued to reside there until 2004, when a proposed buyer applied for and was denied permission to convert the building to a two family dwelling. It was sold instead that July to Lauralee & Daniel Dillon.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Bk. 215, pg. 517

Chelmsford Assessors' records

Lowell Weekly Journal, May 16, Aug. 1, Oct. 17 1890

Undated newspaper clipping

Mrs. Irene Usher, 53 Littleton Rd.

Mrs. Charlotte DeWolf, Sept. 9, 1994

Street Directories

Chelmsford Building Inspector's records

Chelmsford Town Clerk's 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

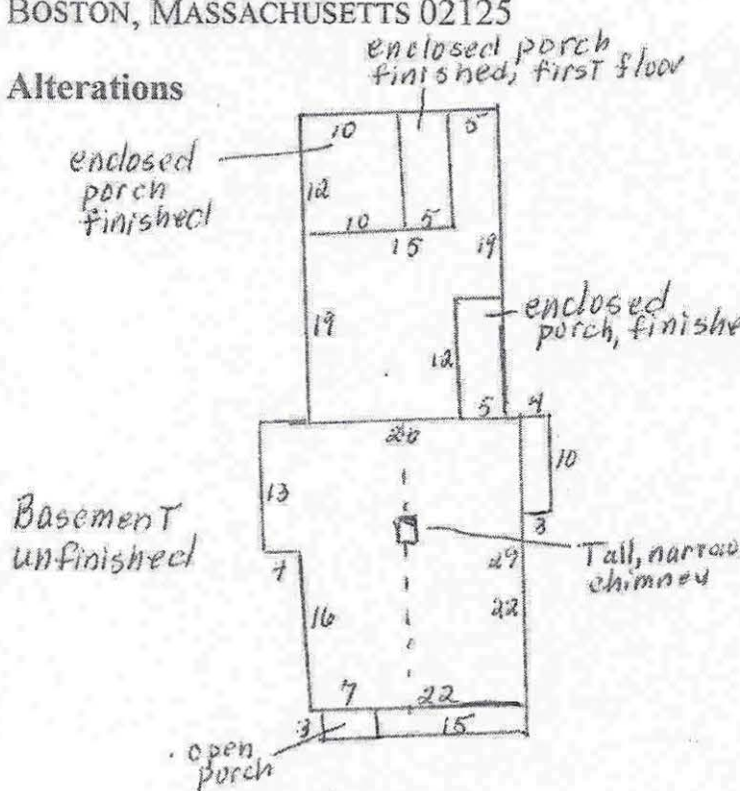
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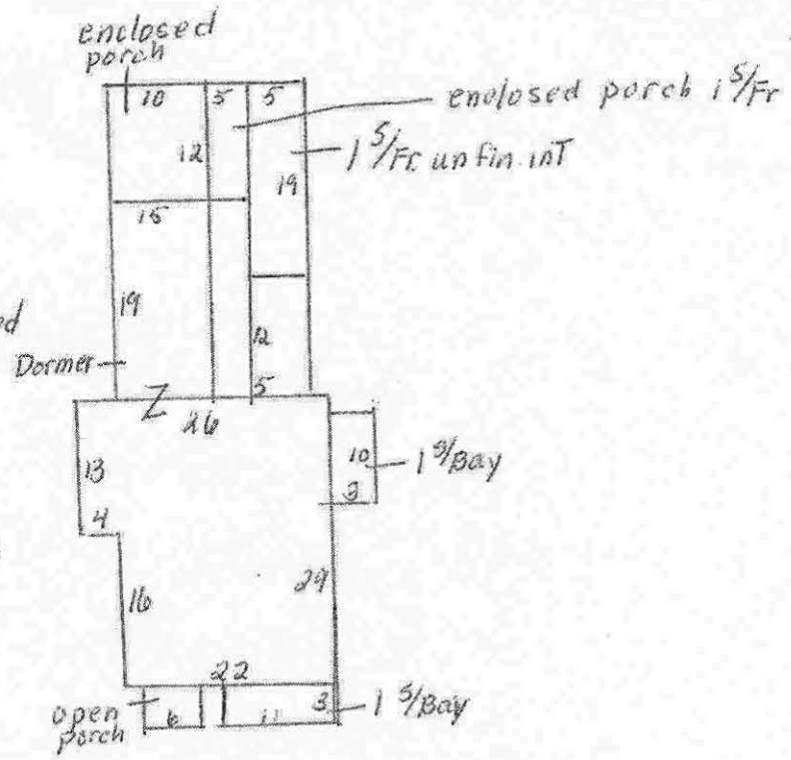
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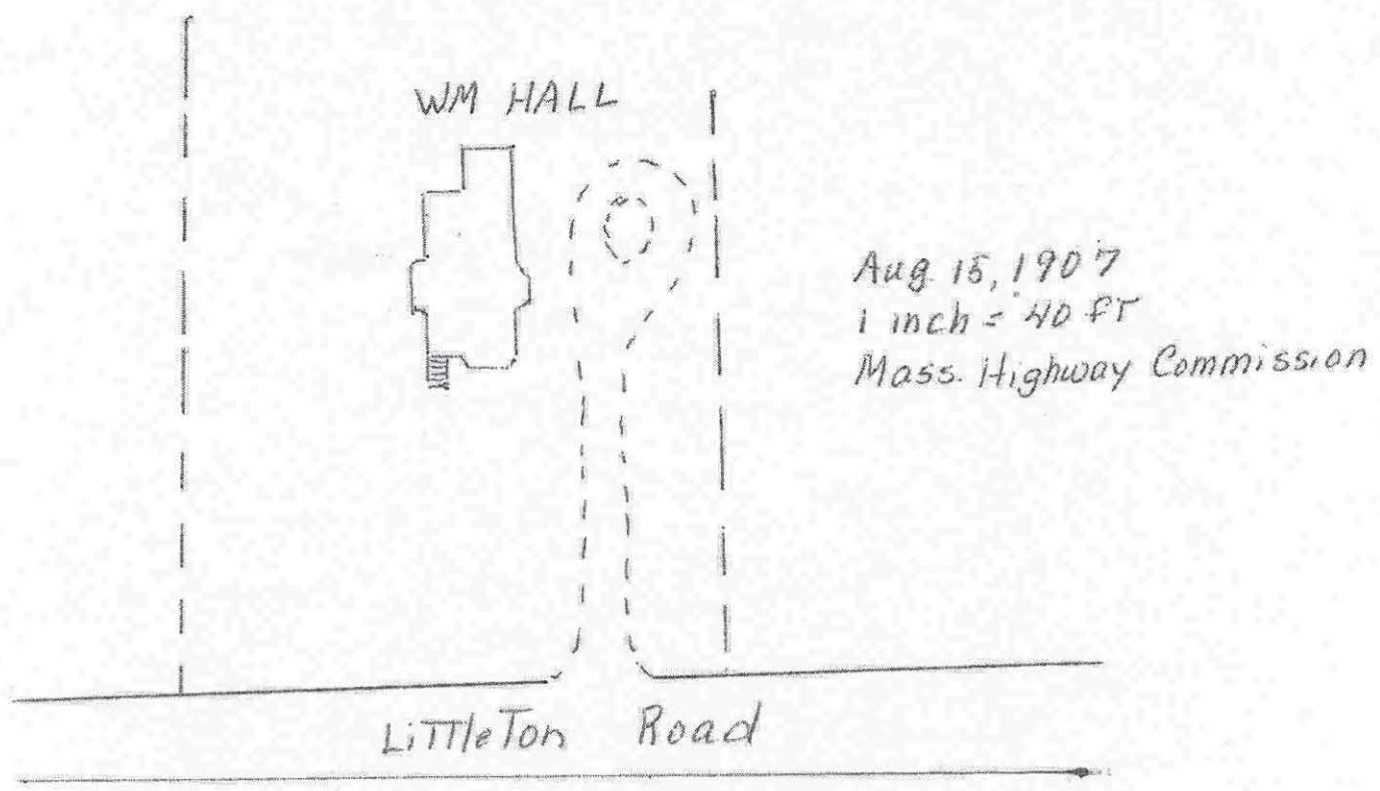
Alterations



Aug. 16, 2004
Assessor's record



Apr. 9, 1971
Assessor's record



Aug. 15, 1907
1 inch = 40 FT
Mass. Highway Commission

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Right side

William Hall Family, ca 1905; Photographer: Fred Park
Taken at 57 Littleton Road



	Hortense	Martha (Hall)
		Park
William		Hattie Dorothy
twin		twin

Hattie was sister to William & Martha

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Left + rear side



*Rear + right side
edge of unattached garage
on left edge of picture*

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds
57 Littleton Road

Bk. 11866, pg. 103	July 11, 2001	Dorothy S. Carrison, 57 Littleton Rd. to Carrison Realty Trust \$1 1 A. & buildings thereon: northerly side of Littleton Rd. interest in land acquired by change in Bridge St. subject: Carrison mortgage to Shawmut/Arlington Trust same: 1990 Carrison deed, bk. 5194, pg. 263 1969 Nickerson deed, bk. 1901, pg. 235
Bk. 5194, pg. 263	Jan. 22, 1990	Robert J. Carrison, 3 Paillet Drive, North Chelmsford, to Dorothy S. Carrison Judgement of Divorce, docket # 87D-4255, Dec. 7, 1989 land & buildings thereon: northerly side of Littleton Rd. interest in land acquired by change in Bridge St. subject: Carrison mortgage to Shawmut/Arlington Trust same: 1969 Nickerson deed, bk. 1901, pg. 235
Bk. 1901, pg. 235	Sept. 17, 1969	Henry A. & Jean B. Nickerson to Robert J. & Dorothy S. Carrison, 57 Littleton Rd. 1 A. & buildings thereon: northerly side of Littleton Rd. interest in land acquired by straightening of Bridge St. subject: 1967 mortgage to Central Savings Bank same: 1967 Anderson deed, bk. 1790, pg. 316
Bk. 1790, pg. 316	April 4, 1967	Donald T. & Patricia A. Anderson to Henry A. & Jean B. Nickerson, Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel Co, MD 1 A. & buildings thereon: northerly side of Littleton Rd. subject: to all rights, easements & restrictions. same: McConeghy deed, bk. 1610, pg. 56
Bk. 1610, pg. 56	July 13, 1963	Robert K. & Winifred H. McConeghy, Milford, MA to Donald C. & Patricia A. Anderson, Portsmouth, RI 1 A. & buildings thereon: northerly side of Littleton Rd. numbered 57 Littleton Rd. interest in land acquired by straightening of Bridge St.. same: Johnson 1950 deed, bk. 1139, pg. 1
Bk. 1139, pg. 1	Apr. 27, 1950	Margaret H. Johnson, Richmond, VA, & Katherine H. Clifford, Ashland, MA, to Robert K. & Winifred H. McConeghy, Milford, MA 1 A. & buildings thereon: northerly side of Littleton Rd. interest in land acquired by straightening of Bridge St.. same: Ludwig 1896 deed, bk. 275, pg. 596 our title: estate of William H. Hall, Hortense P. Hall and Dorothy P. Hall
Probate Docket #204616	1935 Administration	Estate of William H. Hall
Probate Docket #273106	1946 Administration	Estate of Dorothy P. Hall
Probate Docket #274082	1946 Administration	Estate of Hortense P. Hall

Bk. 275, pg. 596

May 4, 1896

John A. Ludwig to
William H. Hall
\$1

1 A. & buildings thereon: northerly side of Littleton Rd.
same: Parkhurst 1890 deed, bk. 215, pg. 517
Parkhurst 1892 deed, bk. 233, pg. 370

Bk. 215, pg. 517

Apr. 16, 1890

Charles E. Parkhurst to
John A. Ludwig, Lowell

land: north side of Littleton Rd.
portion of: Fiske 1887 deed, bk. 187, pg. 465

Bk. 233, pg. 370

Jan. 15, 1892

Clorinda H. Parkhurst to
John A. Ludwig

\$1
800 sq. ft. triangular piece of land: north side of Littleton Rd.

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Henry A. & Jean B. Nickerson to Robert J. & Dorothy S. Cameron, 27 Littleton Rd. 1 A. & buildings thereon, northerly side of Littleton Rd. interest in land acquired by assignment of Bridge St. subject: 1907 mortgage to Central Savings Bank same: 1907 Nickerson deed, bk. 1790, pg. 310	Sept. 17, 1909	Bk. 1790, pg. 310
Dorothy S. & Robert J. Nickerson, One Grand, Anne Annette Co. MD Henry A. & Jean B. Nickerson, 27 Littleton Rd. 1 A. & buildings thereon, northerly side of Littleton Rd. subject: to all right easements & connections same: McCoskey deed, bk. 1619, pg. 28	April 4, 1907	Bk. 1700, pg. 710
Robert K. & Winifred H. McCoskey, Millard, MA to Dorothy S. & Robert J. Nickerson, 27 Littleton Rd. 1 A. & buildings thereon, northerly side of Littleton Rd. interest in land acquired by assignment of Bridge St. same: Johnson 1900 deed, bk. 1119, pg. 1	July 11, 1903	Bk. 1619, pg. 28
Margaret H. Johnson, Richmond, VA & Katherine H. Childs Assd. MA to Robert K. & Winifred H. McCoskey, Millard, MA 1 A. & buildings thereon, northerly side of Littleton Rd. interest in land acquired by assignment of Bridge St. same: Ludwig 1900 deed, bk. 175, pg. 208 part: title estate of William H. Hall, Houses 9, Hill and Tower 9 Hall	Apr. 23, 1900	Bk. 1119, pg. 1
Estate of William H. Hall	1913	Probate Court Administration
Estate of Dorothy S. Hall	1916	Probate Court Administration
Estate of Clarence F. Hall	1945	Probate Court Administration

Vital Records

Hall family

Births

Dorothy Parkhurst: b. Sept. 26, 1898, daughter of William H. & Hortense Hall

William's occupation was listed as a daughtsman.

Katherine King & Margaret May: b. Jan. 26, 1903, daughters of William H. & Hortense Hall

Marriage

William H. Hall & Hortense Parkhurst: m. June 3, 1896 by Rev. Granville Pierce

Katherine & Margaret marriages not listed

Death

William H.: d. Jan. 30, 1929; age 58-11-27; retired; mitral disease & myocarditis

Irene Usher, 53 Littleton Rd:

Sept. 30, 2004

Johnston, Ruth & Jimmie – Johnston's Bake Shop

they rented [st. directory: there 1946 – 1950, not 1945 or 1951.] Were downstairs. Simpsons? upstairs when they moved out, house was sold to McConeghy

McConeghy – she Millie Greenhalge's sister (Bridge St.) – moved in; house became 1 family & ever since had kindergarten there upstairs & family lived downstairs & in part of upstairs

Anderson – raised Eskimo Malemites there; moved to Peterboro, where there was more room

Nickerson – only there briefly

Carrison, Robert & Dorothy

she was a Smiddy before marriage, came from near Framingham.

after divorce, he moved out & she stayed in house; is now dead

Dillon, Lauralee & John

she: works early in A.M. to late nights; travels often

he: in service but lives here; irregular hours

put in new windows with small panes upstairs; and done a lot inside

Building Inspector: Dec. 27, 1982

Only permit: repair garage \$100 Oct. 1957.

Charlotte DeWolf: Sept. 9, 1994

William Hall

older brother of Charlotte's mother

he didn't think her parents' marriage was good: thought Charlotte's mother wasn't good enough for her father

Charlotte "hated his guts"

a pattern maker by trade and later purchasing agent for the Saco-Lowell Co. in Lowell

30 years superintendent of Unitarian S.S. (R.E.)

resided with wife Hortense and daughters Dorothy and twins Margaret & Katherine. The twins were born within

3 day (earlier) of Charlotte DeWolf.

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HALL --- PARKHURST
Fashionable Wedding in Chelmsford
Unitarian Church

A very fashionable wedding was celebrated in the Unitarian Church, Chelmsford Centre, last evening at 6:30 in the presence of an audience composed of relatives and friends of the bride and groom. The contracting parties were Mr. William H. Hall, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall of North Chelmsford and superintendent of the Unitarian Sunday school in the Central Village, and Miss Hortense Parkhurst, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Parkhurst of the Centre.

The church had been very elaborately decorated by the young people of the Unitarian Church Guild and a more beautiful floral display was never seen in the history of weddings solemnized in the the edifice. The bridal party stood under a large bell made of daisies. The tongue of the bell was composed of buttercups and the cord which held the floral piece in position was covered with daisies. The choir loft on the right was completely hidden with ferns, daisies and potted plants in the centre of which was a pillow with the initials "P. H." made entirely of daisies. The desk and pulpit platform were also banked with ferns, rubber plants and foliage while a table on the left was completely covered with snow balls and ferns.

Seven pews were reserved for the relatives of the contracting parties and they were designated by bouquets of daisies tied with white satin ribbon. The bridal party entered the church through the main aisle. Mr. Edward Everett Adams of Lowell presided at the organ and played the music from Lohengrin with the bridal march.

Masters Charles Parkhurst and Fred Parkhurst, nephews of the bride, acted as pages. The latter led the party, bearing upon a bed of pansies the bridal ring. The bridesmaid was Miss Hattie Hall, a sister of groom, and the best man was Mr. Harry Hall of Boston, a cousin of the groom. Miss Grace Parkhurst was maid of honor. The bride was beautifully attired in a gown of white figured silk and carried bridal roses. The bridesmaid and maid of honor were gowned in white Swiss muslin and carried either roses and white pinks.

Rev. Grenville Pierce performed the

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