

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	263



1. Town Chelmsford
Address 65 Littleton Road
Name Kilbourne House
Present use 2 family residence

Present owner Hilda S. Buchanan
(life estate)

3. Description:
Date 1888

Source Lowell Weekly Journal

Style Queen Anne
builder _____
Architect Charles E. Parkhurst

Exterior wall fabric 1st-butted clapboard
2nd-decorative shingle

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features decorative shingles etc;
stained glass in windows; coved
dentils under eaves
very little

Altered see attached Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size
One acre or less _____ Over one acre 1.5

Approximate frontage ca. 240 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
ca 30 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury
Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission
Date Jan. 4, 1980

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

modern <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ca 1900 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1890
ca 1900 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	early 1900s
modern <input type="checkbox"/>		
1903 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ca 1890
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ca 1890
1893 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greek Revival
ca 1873 <input type="checkbox"/>		
1892 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ca 1900
1891 <input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1887

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#209 Ginger Ale Plant

Forefathers' Cemetery

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

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Charles E. Parkhurst

Original use residence - 1 family

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	<u>x</u>	Transportation
Communication		Political		
Community development	<u>x</u>			

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This handsome house is one of the better examples of the Queen Anne style in Chelmsford. It occupies one of the largest lots on this portion of Littleton Rd.

It was built by Charles E. Parkhurst for his own occupancy; Mr. Parkhurst was one of the most active of the local builders during the late 1800s. Construction was begun in Jan. 1888, and he and his bride occupied it in Nov. of the same year.

Four years later the dwelling was purchased by Miss Elizabeth Saunders, who lived there with her neice. he ladies first ran a Lowell bakery and later became chiropodists. The house was also occupied by the Kilbourne family, Mrs. Kilbourne being a sister of Miss Saunders, the owner. It remained in the Saunders/Kilbourne family for 71 years and was known as the Kilbourne house. Mr. William Kilbourne, "a highly esteemed resident of the village," supplied several families in town with milk. He was a veteran of the Civil War (Co. L, 1st Heavy Artillery M), and for the remainder of his life suffered from a wound obtained in that war.

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

Middlesex North Dist. Reg. Deeds: Bk. 187, pg. 465 (1887)

Lowell Weekly Journal: 5/6/1887, 1/13/1888, 11/28/1888, 11/6/1891

Lowell Daily Courier: 12/21/1903

Chelmsford Directory: 1898/99, 1915/16, 1922

Chelmsford town records: town clerk (deaths; 1907 plan of Littleton Rd.); assessors (real estate valuation/tax records, revaluation record)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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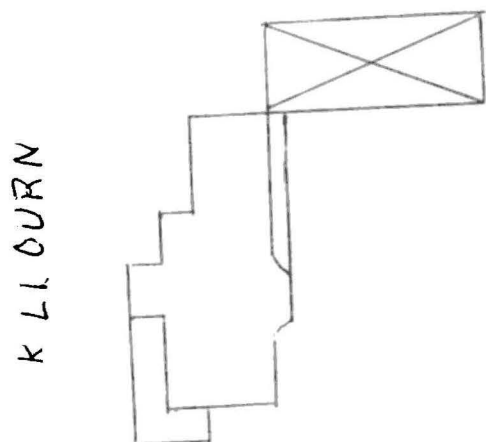
Community: Chelmsford	Form No: 263
Property Name: Kilbourne House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below

3. Altered

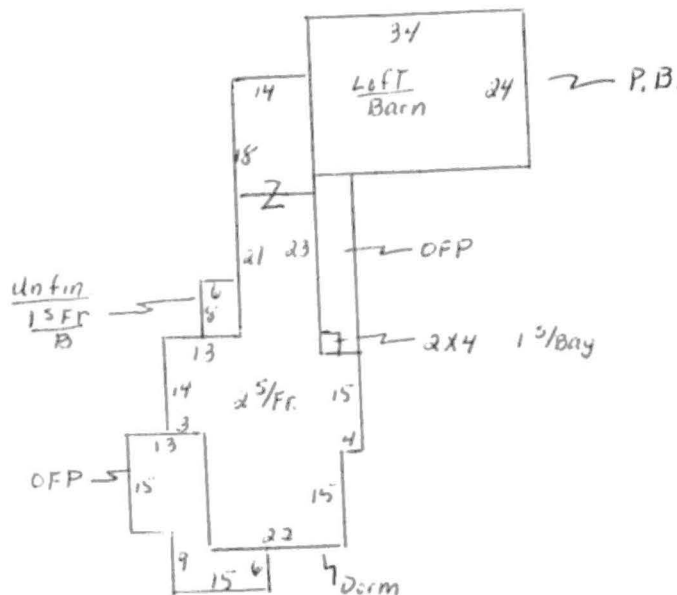
The latticed but open porch on the left side probably was extended after 1907 but when the house was still relatively young.

1907 Plan



1" = 40'

1971 Revaluation sheet



1" = 30'

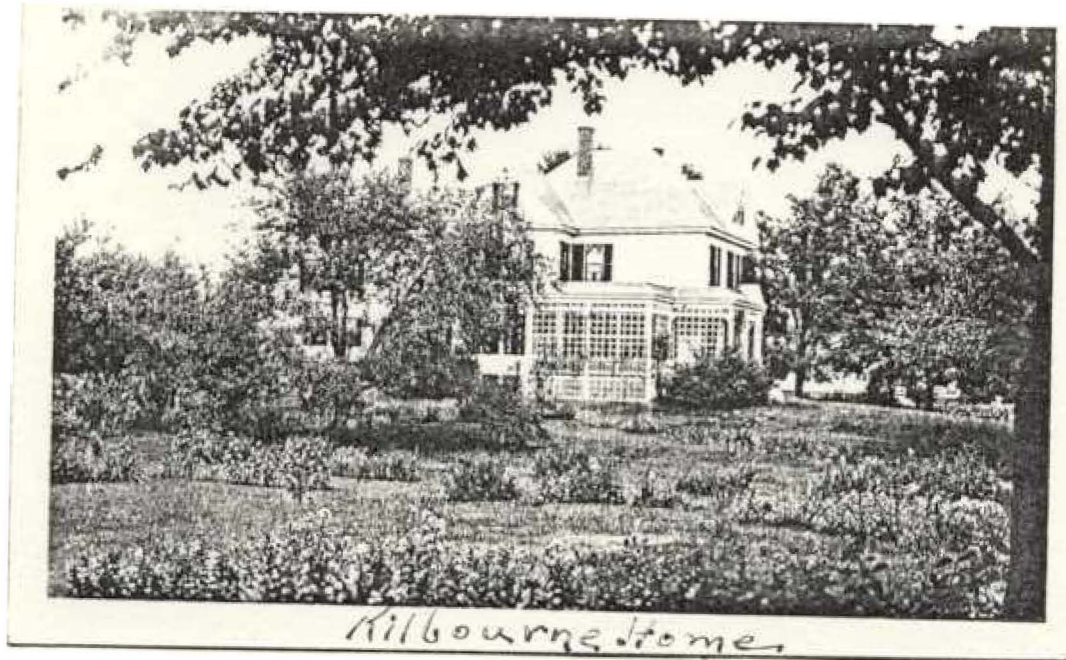
Good in and out
Well maintained
1 bedroom in Loft of
barn, heated, pine floor
Garage in barn
i fireplace

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64 Littleton Road
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Bk. 187, pg. 465	4/19/1887	Benjamin M. Fiske to Charles E. Parkhurst
Bk. 222, pg. 488	3/31/1891	Charles E. Parkhurst to Elizabeth S. Saunders, Lowell \$350 1A. & buildings thereon
Middlesex Probate Docket #130612	1921	Estate of Elizabeth S. Saunders to Heirs of Maria S. Kilbourne
Middlesex Probate Docket #378961 & 378944	1962	Estates of Katherine E. & Lillian W Kilbourne to Central Congregational Church (life estate to Hilda S. Buchanan) 1.5A., house & barn

Compiled by J. Drury Sept. 1979



65 Littleton Road

Lowell Weekly Journal

May 6, 1887 - Charles E. Parkhurst and J.E. Andrews intend to build a cottage house the present season.

Oct. 7, 1887 - Charles E. Parkhurst has begun work upon his lot in Littleton street, preparatory to building a two-story house for his own occupancy.

Jan. 13, 1888 - Charles E. Parkhurst begins work this week upon his new residence on the Littleton road. This will be the third new building recently located upon this street, while the other houses have been remodelled and transformed into attractive buildings.

June 29, 1888 - The statement in a Lowell morning paper that the new and desirable house of Charles E. Parkhurst has been sold is incorrect. It is still in the market, but such a valuable piece of property probably will not wait long for a purchaser.

Nov. 28, 1888 - Charles E. Parkhurst, who started for Bucksport, Maine, Wednesday on a matrimonial expedition, is expected home Saturday, and now that new and handsome house on Littleton street will be occupied.

Dec. 10, 1897 - Monday night about half past nine o'clock Miss Elizabeth Saunders and her neice, Miss Clara Saunders, whose daily occupation in Lowell keeps them in the city a part of the evening, were walking up Littleton street having just left the electric car, and when opposite the house of F.W. Worthen and only a few rods from their own home, a stranger stepped up to them and said, "I am sorry to trouble you, but will take that valise," at the same time seizing the hand bag carried by the elder Miss Saunders. She however declined to surrender her property and both ladies employed the most available feminine weapon, a loud scream, which so disconcerted the fellow that he relinquished his hold and ran, probably fearing that the neighbors would be aroused, as there were lights in several houses. The ladies then made excellent time for home with no more serious results than a scare. It was a bright moonlight night and their interviewer is described as a man of medium height rather spare and with gray or sandy moustache. This description corresponds with that of a man who called at a number of houses in Littleton street the same afternoon.

April 3, 1891 - Charles E. Parkhurst has sold the desirable house which he now occupies on Littleton street to Miss Elizabeth S. Saunders of Lowell, but will remain upon the premises until autumn

Nov. 6, 1891 - Charles E. Parkhurst has removed to his new house home on Bridge street, and his former house on Littleton street will soon be occupied by its purchaser, Miss Elizabeth S. Saunders of Lowell.

Lowell Daily Courier: Chelmsford

Monday, Dec. 21, 1903 - Mr. William W. Kilbourne, a highly esteemed resident of the village, was thrown from his wagon Saturday evening and severely bruised about the head and face, and otherwise injured. He supplies several families in the village with milk, and while on his way home, and opposite the railroad station, his horse was startled by some boys and ran, the wagon colliding with a tree and Mr. Kilbourne being thrown heavily to the ground.

Station Agent Harry L. Parkhurst and others went to his assistance and helped him home as he was dazed and unable to stand without aid. The shock also caused him much suffering from the irritation of an old wound received in the Civil War, Mr. Kilbourne being a veteran and a member of Post 185 G.A.R.

'Kilbourne House' 65 Littleton Road

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