

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

28/104/24

Westford

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Town/City: Chelmsford

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): West Chelmsford

Photograph



Address: 182 Main Street

Historic Name: Jonas C. Butterfield House

Uses: Present: single-family dwelling

Original: single-family dwelling

Date of Construction: between 1831 and 1856

Source: 1831 and 1856 maps of Chelmsford

Style/Form: no style

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: unknown

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding/vinyl

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Small shed

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Unknown date: shed dormer addition

Ca. 1990 replacement siding

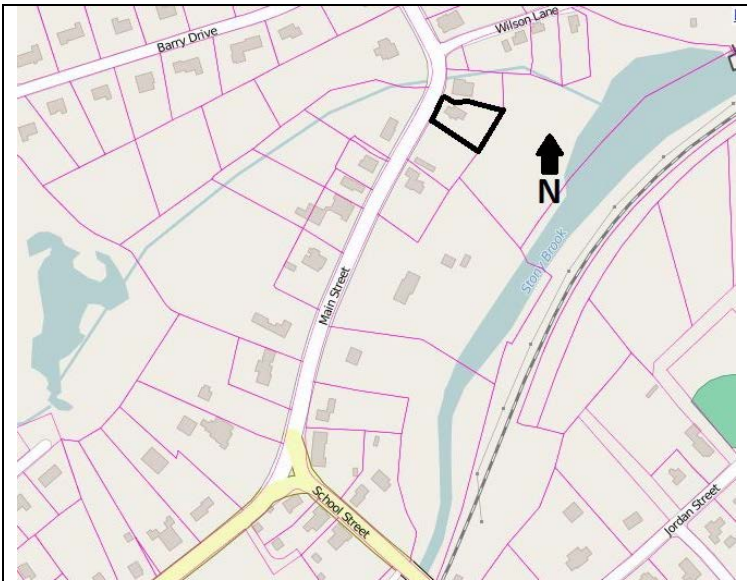
Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .33 A

Setting: The house is located approximately 35' southeast of Main St. A modern stone wall with heavy mortar joints is along the front and north sides of the lot. The flat grassy yards include mature trees and shrubs. The surrounding area includes 19th and 20th c. residential development.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Jennifer Burden, Gray & Pape, Inc.

Organization: Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): June 2016

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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:

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

The 1.5-story building has an unknown foundation, walls clad in replacement vinyl siding with vinyl trim, and an asphalt-shingled front gable roof with gable returns. One internal brick chimney is located on the south slope near the ridgeline of the roof. Another internal brick chimney is located within the rear wing of the building. Most of the windows throughout the building appear to be historic, wood, six-over-one, double-hung sash with exterior storms. The primary (south and facing away from the street) façade is four bays wide with single sash in the two west and east bays. The second bay from the east includes a semi-enclosed porch with a shed roof, an east and south wall clad in siding with single sash, and the main entry within the porch. The west wall (facing the street) is two bays deep with single sash in the two bays of the first story and one sash in the half story. The north wall features an almost full-width shed dormer with three sliding sash. A one-bay deep and two-bay wide, shed roof addition is located within the ell of the house on the north wall.

A small garden shed is located to the southeast of the house. The shed has a side gable roof and is clad in siding. A vertical wood plank door is located in the north bay and a two-over-two sash in the south bay.

The house is an altered example of a mid-nineteenth century residence that retains historic integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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 building does not appear on the 1831 map of Chelmsford, but is present on the 1856 map of the area, therefore it was constructed between these dates. The first owner of the property was Jonas C. Butterfield (ca. 1822-1893). The 1860 US Population Census lists Butterfield as a farmer living in Chelmsford with wife Philena D. and daughter Clara. Butterfield's value of real estate at this date was \$5000, which was among the highest in the area. The 1865 Massachusetts Census lists Butterfield as a sword maker, therefore he was employed at the Roby Manufacturing Company at this date. The 1880 census lists Butterfield as a painter, therefore he has many occupations over his life time. In 1875 Butterfield sold the property to Nathaniel JN Bacheller and Andrew J Hiscox. Bacheller and Hiscox, proprietor of the Hiscox File Company, erected a multiple-family dwelling on the north end of the lot (now 176-178 Main Street) to house workers of the file company. Butterfield passed in 1893 and is buried in the West Chelmsford Cemetery. After the passings of Bacheller and Hiscox, the property transferred to Bacheller's daughter Carrie Elizabeth Bacheller. In 1895 she sold the buildings on the lot as separate parcels with this parcel going to John H. Knowles. The 1898 city directory lists Knowles living on Main Street and working as a night watchman in Westford. The 1910 census lists John and wife Sarah (both born ca. 1841 in England) living with son James (born ca. 1870 in England), son Samuel (born ca. 1873 in England), his wife Williamina (born ca. 1884 in Rhode Island), and a boarder named Mable Langhoff (born 1896 in Rhode Island). At this date John is listed as farmer and both sons were employed as spinners in the woolen mill. In 1914 Knowles sold the property to Gustaf Westberg (1864-1943, born in Sweden). The 1917 city directory lists Westberg living on Main Street with wife Mina and working as a stone cutter. By 1930 he was a widower and continued to live on Main Street and work as a stone cutter. In 1943 his estate sold the property to Carl and Lillian Erickson. The 1945 city directory lists the Ericksons living at this address and Carl working as a driller and Lillian a housewife. The Ericksons remained owners of the property until 1963. In 1966 Donald and Grace Hamilton purchased the property and it remains in the Grace M Hamilton Trust.

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible Eligible **only** in a historic district
 Contributing to a potential historic district Potential historic district

Criteria: **A** **B** **C** **D**

Criteria Considerations: **A** **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G**

Statement of Significance

The area of West Chelmsford is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places as a locally significant historic district under Criterion A for the development of this area around the Roby Manufacturing Company and Chelmsford Woolen Mills as well as under Criterion C for its intact examples of mid-nineteenth through early twentieth century residential architecture. The boundary of the proposed district would include resources built during the period of significance along Main Street from approximately Loiselle Lane in the north to the Westford Town Line, as well as resources along School Street between Main Street and Graniteville Road. This building at 182 Main Street would be a contributing resource to that district as an example of residential architecture constructed during its period of significance that retains some historic integrity.

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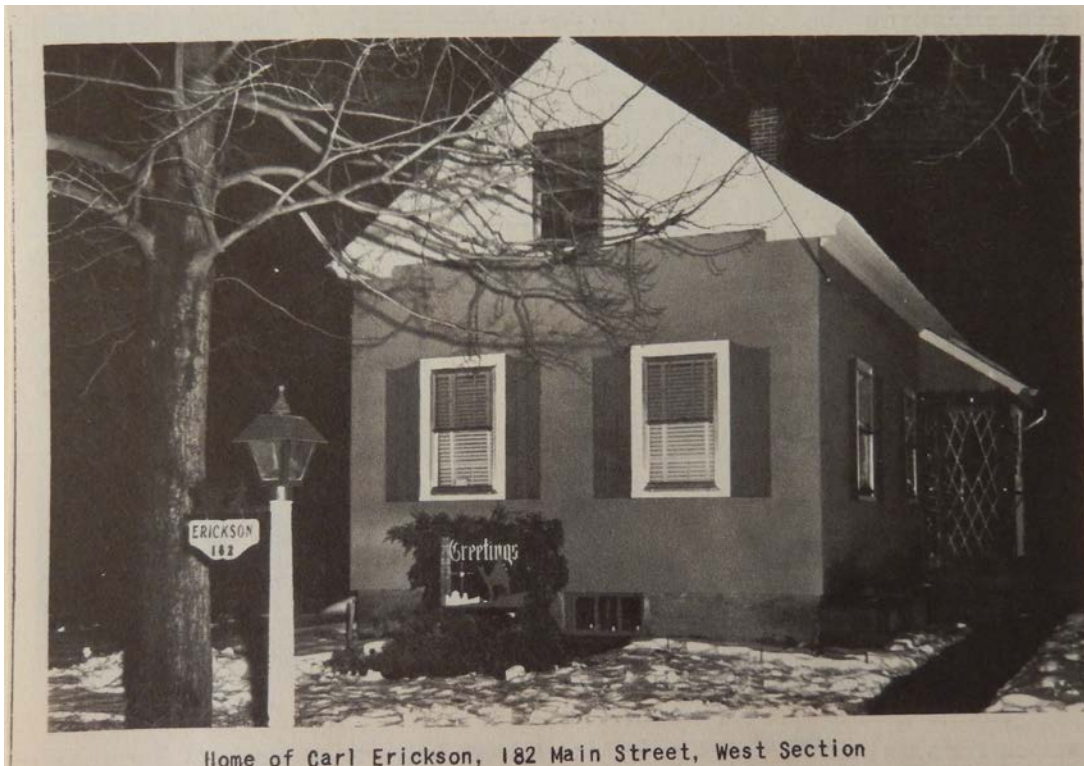
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Garden shed at 182 Main Street, facing southeast. November 2015.



Home of Carl Erickson, 182 Main Street, West Section

Ca. 1955 photograph of the house during Carl Erickson's period of ownership from the Jane Drury file.