

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In Area no.	Form no.
	84



town Chelmsford

Address 189 Main Street

Name Brick House

Present use residence: single famil

Present owner Francis & Dorothy Clog

Description \_\_\_\_\_

Date ca 1828

Source deeds, tax records

Style Georgian

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric brick, painted

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 5 fireplaces; "Dutch" oven

Altered rear porch added Date 1970

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 9600 sq. ft.

One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 91.7 ft.

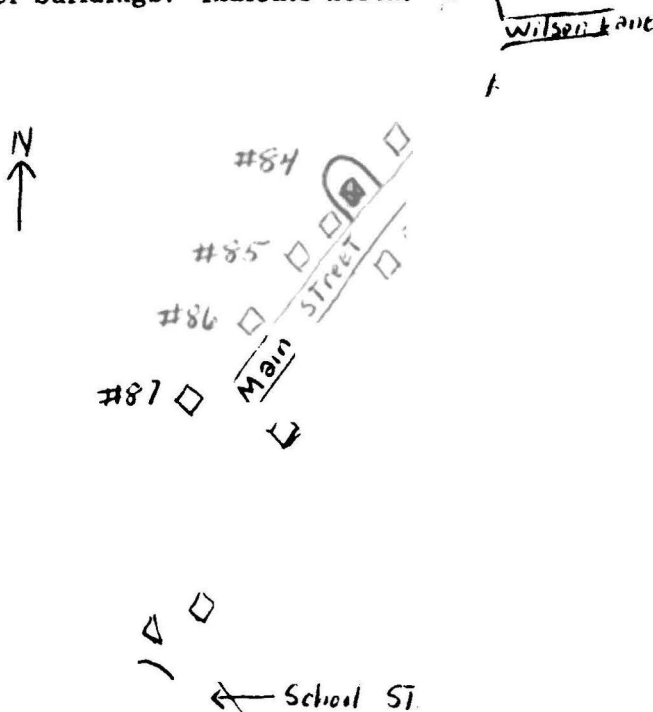
Approximate distance of building from street ca 24 ft.

6. Recorded by Diane Fay & Jane Drury

Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commissio

Date October 20, 1977

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



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USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Elias Messenger

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion
Architectural	_____	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)

West Chelmsford as a village began with the building in the 1820s of 4 houses on the west side of Main St. and a nearby factory. This is one of the houses.

In March 1828 Elias Messenger purchased the house lot, and sometime before June 1830 he, a brick layer, built the 2-story brick dwelling. He and his brother George were employees of Deacon John Farwell, who had come from Fitchburg shortly after 1820 and started a scythe factory on Stony Brook, opposite the house. In 1836 Elias Messenger, then a trader living in Lowell, sold the house. Three months later the Farwells purchased it, and its ownership remained with the factory owners until 1924.

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

1831 map; 1875 Beers Atlas

Waters, History of Chelmsford, page 672

Chelmsford Assessors' records, tax valuation lists

Middlesex North District Registry Deeds: Bk. 12, pg. 402 (1828); Bk. 12, pg 404 (1830), Plan Bk. 79, Plan 45 (1898)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: . Chelmsford	Form No: 84
Property Name:	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below

Alterations:

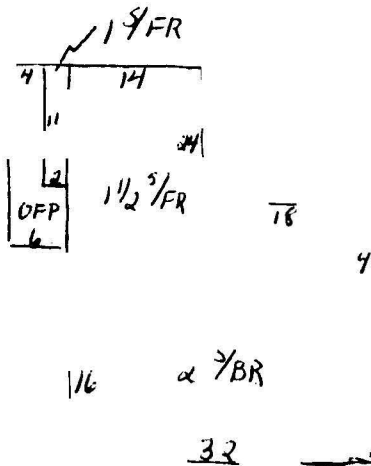
1875 Beers Atlas

1898 Plar book 7 Plan

84.8

144.3

1970 Chelmsford Assessors' Evaluation Card



good condition in & out  
dwelling 2 S/FR  
garage - none  
single family  
stone foundation  
full basement  
walls - brick on masonry  
gable roof, asphalt shingles  
common floors  
fireplaces - 5  
no. rooms: 1st-5; 2nd-4  
framing - wood joists 3x4  
timber beams & cols  
wood rafters

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189 Main Street

Book 1213, pg. 34	12/17/1952	Thyra L. Hudgings, Westford, unmarried, to Francis E. & Dorothy A. Clogston land & buildings thereon southeast portion of Lot E - Plan Book 45, Plan 79 (1898)
Book 1213, pg. 33	6/10/1952	Josephine Skelley, Westford, unmarried, to Thyra L. Hudgings, Westford land & buildings thereon southeast portion of Lot E - 1898 Plan
Book 1197, pg. 288	5/23/1952	Ana H. Clark, formerly Ana H. Nebes, Venice, Cal. to Josephine Skelley, Westford land & buildings thereon southeast portion of Lot E - 1898 plan
Book 1003, pg. 216	1/11/1944	Elizabeth L. Nes, Baltimore, Md. to Albert & Ana H. Nebes 17,225 sq. ft. & buildings thereon Lot E - 1898 plan
Book 716, pg. 313	11/28/1924	George C. Moore, Jr. to Elizabeth Linda Griffin, New York $\frac{1}{2}$ portion 1. land & buildings Lot E - 1898 plan 2. land & buildings southside of road, near Jonas Longley's house lot (Scythe factory)
Book 257, pg. 22	7/13/1894	Estate Charles G. Sargent, Westford, to George C. Moore \$4000 $\frac{1}{2}$ portion 1. near Jonas Longley's house lot (Scythe factory) 2. 10,000 sq. ft. & dwelling house and barn Excepting - land conveyed to John H. Whidden

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Scythe factory deeds

Book 72, pg. 165	6/29/1869	George Stark, Nashua, N.H. to J.W.P. Abbott & Charles G. Sargent, both of Westford; & Josiah Gates, Lowell; & Christopher Roby \$10,000 1. Scythe factory 2. land & brick dwelling house
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Book 58, pg. 416	9/27/1867	Jabez A. Sawyer, Cambridge, assignee of Christopher Roby, a bankrupt, to George Stark, Nashua, N.H. \$2,000 land, factory, buildings, water privilege, etc.
North: Bk. 16, pg. 163 South: Bk. 495, pg. 115	9/30/1846  (189 Main) (193 Main)	Frederick T. Sawyer to Christopher Roby, Gentleman \$6000 1. 15 A. - Scythe Manufactory & other buildings 2. 58 sq. rods - bounding lot 3 3. 71½ sq. rods & buildings - adjoining lot 2
North: Bk. 16, pg. 160 South: Bk. 495, pg. 113	9/28/1846  189 Main) 193 Main)	Lincoln Drake, Easton, to Frederick T. Sawyer, No. Chelmsford \$6000 1. 15 A. - Scythe Manufactory & other buildings 2. 58 sq. rods - bounding lot 3 3. 71½ sq. rods & buildings - adjoining lot 2
North: Bk. 16, pg. 128	8/ 1/1846  (189 Main) (193 Main)	John T. Farwell, Fitchburg, yeoman, to Lincoln Drake, Easton \$6000 1. 15 A. - Scythe Manufactory & other buildings 2. 58 sq. rods - easterly of above 3. 71½ sq. rods & buildings - adjoining lot 2
North: Bk. 13, pg. 515	6/ 8/1839 MORTGAGE	John Farwell, Chelmsford, & John T. Farwell, Fitchburg, Gentlemen, to Joseph Fletcher, Westford \$600 58 sq. rods & buildings
North: Bk. 14, pg. 66 South: Bk. 358, pg. 66	5/26/1836	George W. Perham, Lowell, Trader, to John T. Farwell & John Farwell, Gentlemen \$1500 58 sq. rods & buildings
North: Bk. 13, pg. 359	2/ 5/1836	Elias Messenger, Lowell, Trader, to George W. Perham, Lowell, Hatter \$1600 58 sq. rods & buildings

North: Bk. 12, pg. 404  
 South: Bk. 299, pg. 236

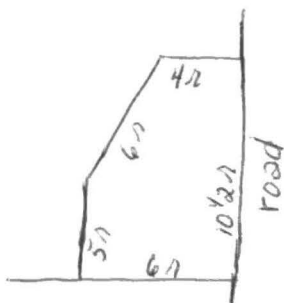
6/10/1830  
 MORTGAGE

Elias Messinger, bricklayer, to  
 Thomas J. Adams, inn-keeper  
 \$400  
 58 sq. rods land & 2 story brick house

North: Bk. 12, pg. 402  
 South: Bk. 299, pg. 234

3/17/1828

Jonas Keyes, Westford, yeoman to  
 Elias Messinger, bricklayer  
 58 sq. rods land





189 MAIN ST. &  
BARN CONVERTED TO A RESIDENCE, NOW 185 MAIN ST

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189 Main Street







