

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town/City: Chelmsford

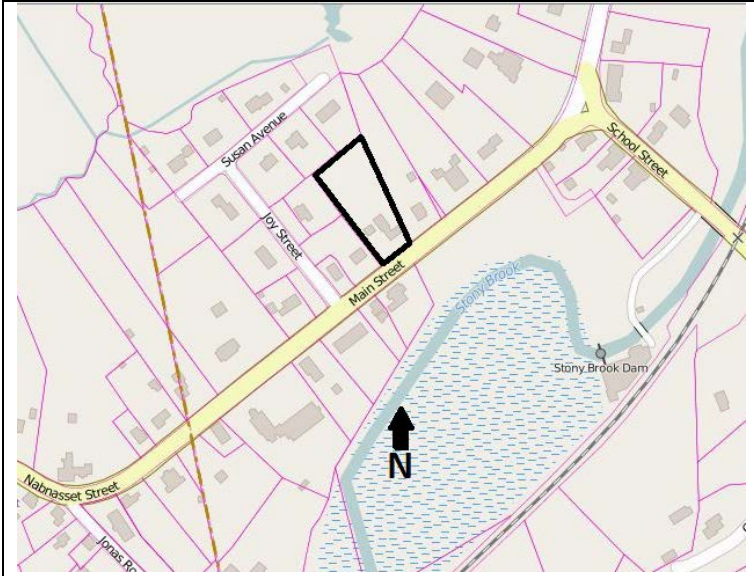
Place: (*neighborhood or village*): West Chelmsford

Photograph



Address: 231 Main Street
Historic Name: Dawson Pollard House
Uses: Present: single-family dwelling
Original: single-family dwelling
Date of Construction: 1837
Source: Chelmsford tax records
Style/Form: Federal
Architect/Builder: Dawson Pollard
Exterior Material:
Foundation: stone
Wall/Trim: vinyl siding/vinyl
Roof: asphalt shingle

Locus Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Barn/garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Ca. 2000 replacement windows and siding
1988 rear addition
1986 fenestration change

Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: less than 1 acre

Setting: The house is located approximately 35' northwest of Main St. An asphalt drive to the west of the house leads to the garage. The flat grassy lot is open in the rear with mature trees along the perimeter. Shrubs are located at the front and sides of the building. The surrounding area includes 19th and 20th c. residential development.

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Organization: Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): June 2016

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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 two-story building has a stone foundation, walls that are clad in replacement vinyl siding with vinyl trim, and an asphalt-shingled side gable roof with gable returns. Two, internal chimneys are located on the rear slope of the roof near the gable ends (previous interior inspection in 1990 revealed the east chimney had been removed). Most windows in the main mass of the building are replacement, four-over-four, double-hung sash windows with false muntins. The primary (southeast) façade is five bays wide with single windows in the bays on the second story. The first story includes single windows in the two east bays and an oriel window in the west bay. The center bay includes a one-story, one-bay deep projection with a front gable roof that includes the main entry. The entry has a replacement door and a fluted surround. A 1.5-story wing is located at the rear of the west half of the building. The wing is two bays deep with a bay window in the south (this bay replaced two single windows at this location in 1986) and a secondary entry in the north bay. The half story features a single shed roof wall dormer. The rear of the building was further expanded in 1988.

A barn that has been converted into a garage is located to the west of the rear addition. The garage has a stone foundation, walls clad in wood clapboard with wood trim, and a front gable roof. The primary (southeast) façade includes a single garage door on the east half of the first story, a hay loft door and post above that, and a single window below the gable peak.

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

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.

A thorough history of the property, including histories of its owners/occupants, is provided in the Inventory form completed by Jane Drury in 2004. Since that date there have been no major changes to the property and the same owners occupy the building.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Drury, Jane B. "Dawson Pollard House – CLM.57." Massachusetts Inventory Form. January 2004. On file with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston.

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Carriage house, facing northwest. November 2015.

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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 231 Main Street would be a contributing resource to that district since it was constructed during this period of significance and retains some historic integrity.