

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Town/City: Chelmsford

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

Photograph



Address: 233 Main Street
Historic Name: Henrietta Phillips House
Uses: Present: single-family dwelling
Original: single-family dwelling
Date of Construction: ca. 1930
Source: Plan Book 57/97
Style/Form: Cape
Architect/Builder: unknown
Exterior Material:
Foundation: parged
Wall/Trim: vinyl siding/vinyl
Roof: asphalt shingle

Locus Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Ca. 2000 replacement siding and windows

Condition: Fair
Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .35 A

Setting: The building is located approximately 40' northwest of Main St. An asphalt parking area is the west of the house. The lot is flat and grassy with several mature trees. A set of brick steps leads to the main entry of the house. The surrounding area includes 19th and 20th c. residential development.

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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CHELMSFORD

233 MAIN STREET

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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 Cape type house has a foundation covered with parging, walls clad in replacement vinyl siding with vinyl trim, and a steeply pitched, asphalt-shingled, side gable roof. An external brick chimney is located on the northeast wall. Windows throughout the building are replacement, six-over-six, double-hung windows with false muntins. The primary (southeast) façade is four bays wide with single windows in the west bay and the two east bays. The remaining bay includes the main entry that has a fluted surround. The southwest wall is three bays deep. Single windows are located in the only bay of the half story and in the south bays of the first story. The north bay features the secondary entry that is accessed via wood steps and deck. An almost full-width shed roof dormer is located along the rear of the house.

The building is an altered example of a Cape type residence that retains historic integrity of location, setting, design, 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.

Plan Book 57/97 shows that in 1926 this lot was divided from that to the east at 231 Main Street. The map shows the footprint of 231 Main, but the map does not show a building on this lot yet. In 1933 then owners George and Ellen King sold this parcel to Henrietta Phillips. The deed does not mention a building on the site, but the house likely existed by this date. Henrietta Phillips (ca. 1865-1940) is listed in the 1937 city directory as the widow of James living on Main Street. Prior to this Henrietta and James lived on Robin Hill Road where James was a truck farmer. Also living with them were one daughter and four children between the ages of 10 and 17, who were listed as "state children." In 1939 Phillips sold the property via a conservator to Ervin and Ruth Monsen. The 1940 census lists the Monsens living on Main Street with Ervin (born ca. 1904) as an insurance agent, Ruth (born ca. 1904) at home, and three children between the ages of three and six. The Monsens remained at this address until 1958 when they sold it to Ruth E and Allen C Davidson. After this date the property was sold four additional times.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Genealogical research, including U.S. and Massachusetts census records; birth, marriage, and death records; and city directory records from ancestry.com.

Middlesex North Registry of Deeds. www.lowelldeeds.com.