

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

Town
 Place (neighborhood or village)

Address
 Historic Name
 Uses: Present
 Original

Date of Construction
 Source
 Style/Form

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation
 Wall/Trim
 Roof

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)
 1867, April – June: new 1st floor inserted
 1974: porch removed
 see continuation sheet

Condition
 Moved no yes Date

Acreage

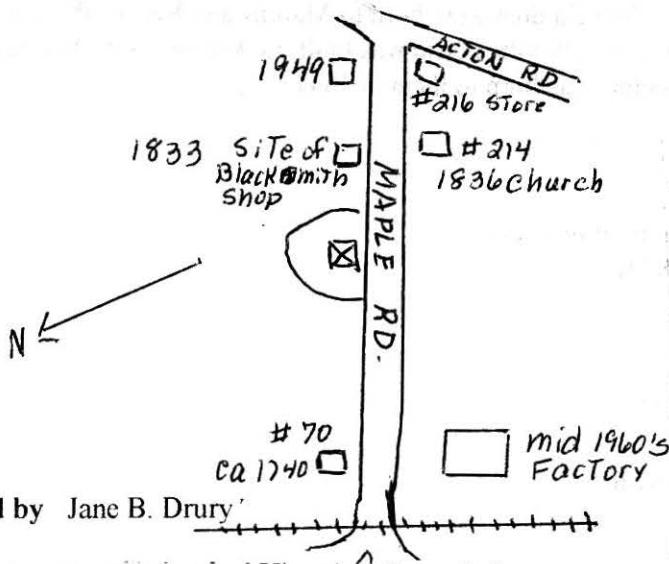
Setting



MA, Chelmsford, Maple Road #11, 10/13/2006

Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



Recorded by

Organization

Date (month / year)

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION see continuation sheet

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

The residence at 11 Maple Road was a very typical looking, story and a half, 19th century Chelmsford residence until the spring of 1867. At that time an entirely new first floor was inserted under the other floors. As a result, the interior is not typical of any others in Chelmsford, although that is not evident when the two and a half story dwelling is viewed from the outside. It has been said that there are 3-4 other houses in the area which have had new floors inserted in a similar manner.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE see continuation sheet

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 first owner of the house at 11 Maple Rd. was Marcus D. Byam, a native of Chelmsford. A farmer and blacksmith, he probably learned the latter trade from Phineas Chamberlain of Westford. In 1832 he purchased land from his brother-in-law Parker Chamberlain, who lived next door, at 19 Maple Rd. It was sold with the condition that a blacksmith shop be built on that property within 3 years. Marcus Byam did so, and that shop stood there until 1977, when it was moved in 2 pieces to the Garrison House grounds at 105 Garrison Rd.

Marcus Byam married Rebeccah Chamberlain, sister of Parker, on Dec. 16, 1832. One year later, in January 1834 Parker Chamberlain sold them a half acre lot for their house, which would be located between the blacksmith shop and the Chamberlain house. It was erected at 11 Maple Rd. the following year and the barn sometime between 1838 & 1840. Some of the original wallpaper still exists in the house, and samples are in the S.P.N.E.A. collection. It was manufactured during the 1820 - 1830 period and was put in a room on the original 2nd floor (now 3rd floor). Two children were born to Marcus and Rebeccah, Laura Jane and Lysander Marcus. Sadly, however, Rebeccah died just four years after the house was built, in August 1838. Marcus did marry again, this time to Mary Proctor in 1839, and a son, Daniel Proctor, was born to them in 1841.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds: Bk. 13, pg. 266, 267 (1834)

Document owned 1977 by Eleanor Parkhurst: 1832

Records of Chelmsford Town Clerk, Assessors, Building Inspector

Eleanor Parkhurst: Sept. 9, 1977; March 9, 1978, Jan. 3, 1982

Descendants of George Byam (? - 1680) by Edwin Colby Byam, 1975

Richard Nylander, S.P.N.E.A: April 7, 1983

Unlabelled newspapers: Dec. 13, 1908; Courier-Citizen, Oct. 13, no year

Boston Sunday Herald: Oct. 30, 1955

Lowell Sun: Feb. 8, 1970; March 24, 1974

Chelmsford Newsweekly: Oct. 29, 1987

Sally Field: Sept. 9, 1977, June 27, 1978; Feb. 10, 1980, Jan. 9, 2006

Diary of Laura Jane Byam: April 15 - June 4, 1867

Work bill/receipt: May 4, 1868

Chelmsford Real Estate/Tax Records

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
CHELMSFORD

Property Address
11 MAPLE ROAD

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History:

During the spring of 1867 drastic changes were made to the house. Leonard J. Richards of Lowell was the contractor, who also advertised as a house mover and mason. The carpenter was a neighbor, Eli Parker, and he arrived on the afternoon of Saturday, April 14 to start work. A week later the center chimney was taken down. A new first floor was inserted under the original 1st and 2nd stories. Two chimneys, one on each side, replaced the old one, and a new stairway went up in its place. The woodwork on the original stories remained unchanged, including that which in the 2nd floor left front room still surrounds the space once occupied by a fireplace. Now, in 2006, behind that former fireplace are open stairs and a hall, which can provide a somewhat eerie feeling when entering the room. Throughout the renovations the family stayed in the ell of the house, where the kitchen was located. In addition to Marcus, Mary and their three children, his mother and sister were also residents in the house. On Thursday, April 30th they served 9 workmen their supper! By Thursday, June 4th the work was nearer completion; Mary Byam, Marcus' wife, reported in her diary that she was "almost tired of work." However, Marcus didn't receive what was apparently his final bill from Mr. Richards until May 4, 1868, when he, Marcus, paid in full \$8500 for the labor and teaming, and "raising the house at South Chelmsford." The required lumber may have been supplied by the Byam family.

Daniel Byam, son of Marcus and Mary, attended the Chelmsford High School and Springfield (MA) Business College, and "on 20 August 1862 he enlisted for nine months and served in Co. K, 6th Regt. Mass. Volunteer Infantry." He re-enlisted 31 March 1864 in the Army Signal Corps for one more year. He and Mary Persis Wetherbee married November 1875. Five months later Marcus sold him a half portion of all his property, carriages, farm stock, farming tools and implements. Without doubt the two families resided together in the house, and father and son worked together farming and in the black-smith shop. In March 1878 Marcus was visiting his son Lysander in Somerville when he suffered a fatal heart attack. After his father died, Daniel continued working as a dairy farmer and in the winter "he made sleighs and sleds in his father's shop. He was also an undertaker." He held several town offices, was active in various organizations, and for over 40 years until 1908 he was the superintendent of Heart Pond Cemetery, where he and Mary were later buried. The family was active in the nearby Baptist Church. His mother, Mary, continued to live in the house until her death on Sept. 17, 1890. She was blind during the last twelve and thirteen years of her life.



Daniel P.
Dec. 28, 1892



Mary



Aita. Major Ednah

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Daniel and Mary's daughter Ednah married Thomas Parkhurst, but a second daughter, Bessie Alta, spent her life at 11 Maple Rd. Following her mother, Mary's, death in 1910 and that of her father, Daniel, in 1918, Bessie apparently lived alone here for several years. She worked as a stenographer at the State Department of Health and Welfare in Boston and later in Lawrence. Byam's Railroad station was located on Maple Rd. very near her house, so she may have commuted by train. A chimney fire occurred in the house on a fall evening shortly before midnight during this period. The "fire was in the kitchen chimney located in the ell of house and when discovered had ignited the woodwork where the stove pipe entered the chimney. Fortunately plenty of water was at hand and it was possible to keep the fire in check until the arrival of the firemen, who by the use of chemicals soon had the blaze under control with but little damage having been done." A wood deck is located at the rear of the house, and a granddaughter of Daniel and Marcus recalled that as a little girl she was afraid that she would fall off it. It had been put up to simplify hanging washing on a clothes line. It was replaced several times. A chicken house located at the right front side of the attached barn was falling down and was removed for Bessie. On Oct. 29, 1955 Bessie married Paul M. Field, who was already retired. This was his 2nd marriage. The trellis at the front door fell down one day when she was sick; but it was put back by her niece after Bessie's death in 1974. Paul had died before her. The house was rented for a few years until the present owner purchased it in 1977, ending 142 years of Byam family ownership.

Between 1977 and October 1987 the House of Patchwork was conducted in three rooms on the first floor of the house. Quilt materials were sold and quilting workshops were held there. The present owner is still giving lectures on quilting.



In Civil War



D. P. Byam

*Photo by Willis Parkhurst
ca 1900*



Mary Byam

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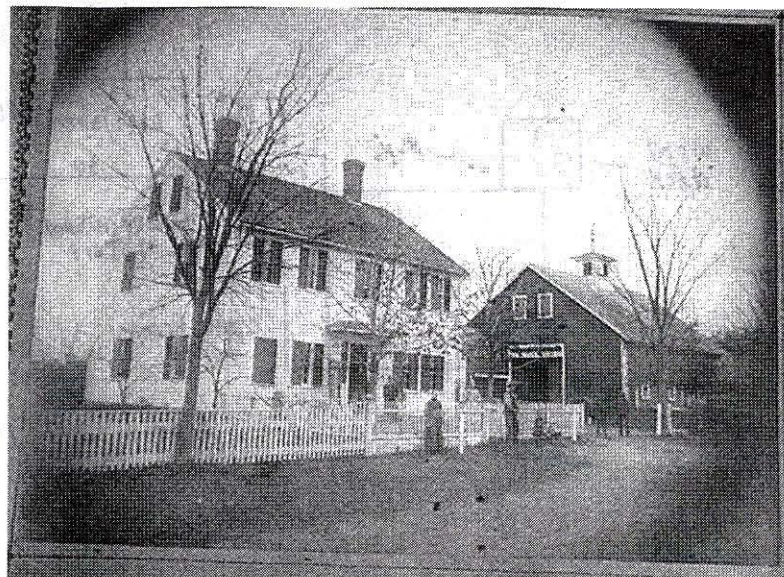
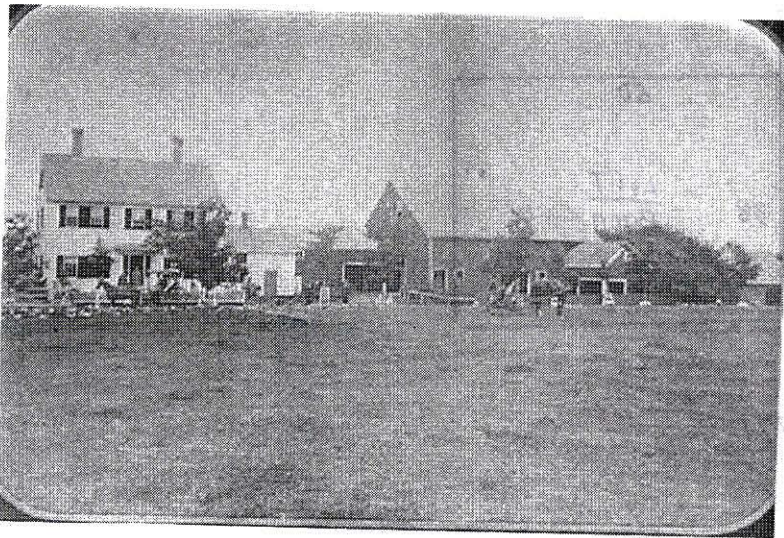
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The house when Daniel P. & Mary Byam lived here

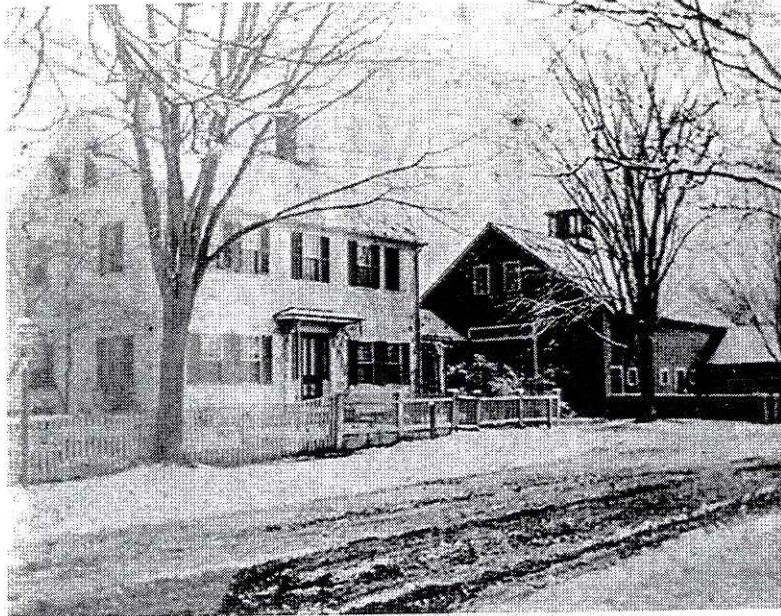
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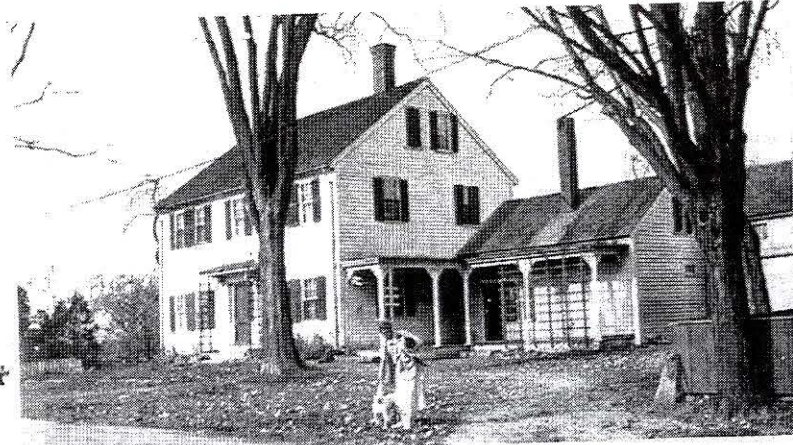
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Before 1918

* Chicken house removed by Enslie Mills
ca. 1950-70 was falling down



Nov. 1923



Dec. 1972



Before 1918



March 1982

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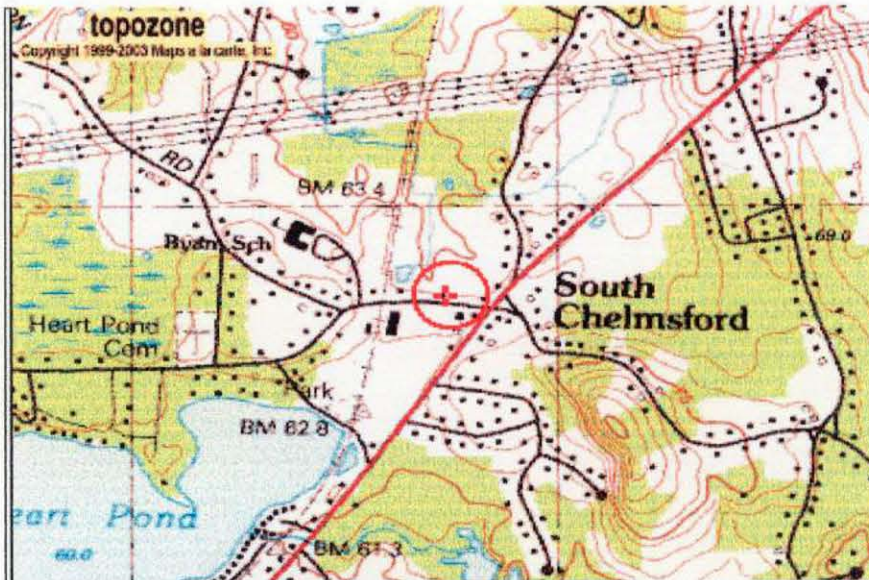
Locational Information



11 Maple Road viewed from local.live.com



11 Maple Road, Assessor's Map



Topozone excerpt from Billerica USGS quadrangle.

Decimal coordinates as provided by Topozone: 42°34'17" N 71°22'44" W

11 Maple Road
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Bk. 2256, 201	July 18, 1977	Eleanor Parkhurst to Sally E. Field, 11 Maple Rd \$55,000 2 parcels: north side of Maple Rd. 1. on land with blacksmith shop formerly of Daniel P. Byam same: 1 st parcel 1956 Field deed, bk. 1324, pg. 461 2. same: 1941 deed, bk. 959, pg. 289 reserving: right for 2 years to enter upon Parcel No. 2 to remove building thereon known as "The Blacksmith Shop."
Bk. 1982, pg. 604	Oct. 13, 1971 Real Estate Tax	Estate of Paul M. Field no tax due
Bk. 1324, pg. 461	Jan. 27, 1956	Bessie Alta Byam Field to Paul M. & Bessie Alta Byam Field 2 parcels 1. : north side of Maple Rd. at land with blacksmith shop formerly of Daniel P. Byam same: 1 st parcel 1925 Parkhurst deed, bk. 736, pg. 281 2. 124,575 sq. ft., south side of Maple Rd. title: heir of Daniel Byam & same: 1932 Parkhurst deed, bk. 821, pg. 14
Bk. 730, pg. 127	Sept. 10, 1925 correction	Ednah F. B. Parkhurst to Bessie Alta Byam ½ portion: land & buildings: north side of Maple Rd. same: 1925 Parkhurst deed bk. 726, pg. 280
Bk. 726, pg. 280	July 19, 1925	Ednah F. B. Parkhurst to Bessie Alta Byam undivided portion: Ednah & sister Alta, heirs of Daniel Byam
Middlesex Probate		Estate of Daniel P. Byam
Bk. 412, pg. 128	April 8, 1876	Marcus D. Byam to Daniel P. Byam ½ portion: 80 acres 1. 25 A. & buildings: north side of road leading to Westford 2. 14 A. Chestnut Hill Lot: Westford Rd. leading past house of Aaron Chamberlain 3. 40 A. Byam Lot 4. all carriages, farm stock, farming tools & implements
North: Bk. 13, pg. 267 South: Bk. 336, pg. 391	April 11, 1834	Parker Chamberlin, yeoman, to Marcus D. Byam, yeoman \$40 ½ A. near Byam's store

Conversations:

George Parkhurst

Daniel P. Byam married Mary P. Wetherbee.

Ednah Byam born April 24, 1877 daughter of Daniel P. and Mary P.

m. Sept. 24, 1902 George Thomas Parkhurst

They had 1 daughter, Eleanor C., b. July 27, 1909

Eleanor Parkhurst

Sept. 9, 1977

The porch was L shaped, on the side by the kitchen door. It didn't go along the front of the house at all. In 1867 Marcus's wife Mary, mother & sister, daughter were living in the house.

The porch on the right side of the main house was not on the house originally. It leaked and was removed in 1974

March 9, 1978

Marcus Byam lived as a child between Sheehan's house on Pine Hill Road and 24 Chamberlain Road; the cellar hole surrounded by lilacs and red roses was seen by Miss Parkhurst until it was removed by the building of Rt. 495. The barn was across the road (she has some of the beveled barb boards.)

Blacksmith shop book of Marcus D. Byam:

(earliest book she has, but there may have been an earlier one)

1st entry in the book:

Jan. 5, 1832 for Josiah Vose
 to one new ox shoe & set two 20¢

Parker Chamberlain m. Mary Byam, who was Marcus' sister.

Marcus & Mary Byam were children of Solomon & Abi (Adams).

Otis Byam was also a brother of Marcus, as was George.

George Otis was the son of Otis.

Emma Byam, George's daughter, was at Geo. Byam's house where Emanuels are now – corner of Hunt & Rt. 110.

Emma m. Clarence Brown.

Miss Parkhurst suspects that Marcus learned blacksmithing with Phineas up at Chamberlain's Corners.

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Jan. 3, 1982

Wood deck was out there to put washing on clothes line; replaced several times

There as long as she knows – she was afraid as a little girl that she would fall off.

Porch: there all her life. It was removed in 1974, as it leaked.

There was a later addition (after the porch)

Richard Nylander April 7, 1983, S.P.N.E.A.

Wallpaper sample from 3rd floor – is original to house

made 1820 – 1830

not available now. Made of sheets rather than roll: therefore previous to 1840

reproductions: 1940 & called "Fountain" by Nancy McClelland, who in 1920s, wrote 1st book on wallpaper

Probate Index (2nd series) Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds:

Marcus D. Byam, Chelmsford, 1878. Will. Docket #1557

Sally Field

Sept. 9, 1977

Enslie Mills took down the chicken house located at the right front side of the barn for Bessie when it was falling down.

The trellis at the front door fell off when Bessie was sick. Eleanor Parkhurst put it back for Sally.

Kitchen/shed:

right side was woodshed, staircase went upstairs from there to hired men's rooms

left side: kitchen

Eleanor enlarged the kitchen, removed the staircase a few years ago. Meant to put in a disappearing staircase for Bessie, but Bessie died and it was never installed. Only way to get upstairs now is through a window.

Notebook of Miss Frances Andrews, pg. 79

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Miss Alta Byam lives in the old house.

Jane B. Drury Oct. 1977

The blacksmith shop was cut in half and moved in two pieces to the grounds of the Garrison House at 105 Garrison Road

1st half moved Oct. 11, 1977

2nd half moved Oct. 12, 1977

Put on new foundation Oct. 13, 1977

Tax Records:

1828 no Marcus Byam listed

1834 Byam, Marcus D.
1 shop & land \$75

1835 Byam, Marcus D.
1 shop & land \$90

1836 Byam, Marcus D.
house, shop & land \$350

Newspaper clipping in scrapbook owned by Mrs. Harold (Stells) Perham:

Courier-Citizen? Oct. 13 (no year)

The Centre Fire Department was called to the South village shortly after before midnight on Sunday evening for a chimney fire at the home of Miss B. Alta Byam. The fire was in the kitchen chimney located in the ell of the house and when discovered had ignited the woodwork where the stove pipe entered the chimney. Fortunately plenty of water was at hand and it was possible to keep the fire in check until the arrival of the firemen, who by the use of chemicals soon had the blaze under control with but little damage having been done.

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Receipt: owned 1981 by Eleanor Parkhurst (copy by Sally Field)

2¢ stamp on envelope

Lowell May 4 = 1868

Mr D Biam
Th L.J. Richards Dr.
Th Labor and Teaming
Raising House in South Chelmsford \$85.00
Rec'd Payt in full
L.J. Richards

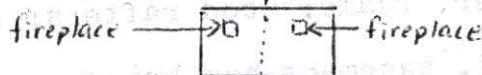
(E. Parkhurst: Byams probably provided the wood)

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TOWN OF CHELMSFORD

CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Board of Appeals

Decision

Sally E. Field/ Eleanor Parkhurst
11 Maple Road
April 28, 1977

The Board of Appeals held a Public Hearing at the above date at the Chelmsford Center Town Hall to consider a request for a special permit for the above address to allow the conduct of quilting and needle arts classes and in relation thereto, the sale of quilt fabrics, materials, patterns and sewing supplies as a home occupation.

The Board voted unanimous to GRANT this request with restrictions. The Board felt that this use would not be detrimental to the area.

Restrictions:

1. That needle arts be stricken from the permit.
2. Quilting supplies be sold exclusively, with no other sewing supplies available for sale.
3. No on street parking will be allowed at any time.
4. The hours of operation be 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. four days a week excluding Sunday. No business shall be conducted on Sunday.
5. One night a week, excluding Sunday, 7:30p.m. to 10:00p.m. will be permitted for classes.
6. A 1X1 sign will be allowed, unlighted.
7. No more employees be hired than two.
8. Classes shall not exceed fifteen students at any time.
9. This permit be valid only to Sally Fields and shall expire at the termination of operation at this address by this party.

Members present and voting: Marshall Arkin, Robert Kydd, S. Robert Monaco, Carolyn Bennett, and Daniel Burke.

Velma Munroe
Clerk
Board of Appeals



Maple Road #11

When Daniel P. and Mary Byam lived here



Maple Road #11





Maple Road #11

Portion of framed photo, courtesy of Don MacGillvray



Maple Road #11

Nov 1923







Maple Road #11



Original Wallpaper



Maple Road #11 c 1970s



Byam Blacksmith Shop moving from Maple Road site, 1977





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