



**Chelmsford Historical Commission**  
**PREDETERMINATION FOR A**  
**DEMOLITION APPLICATION**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN BYLAW 16-2**

Date of Application: 4-16-2019

Name of Owner (Please print): KAZANJIAN ENTERPRISE, INC.

Structure to be demolished: \_\_\_\_\_

Structure Address: 3 Marshall Street

Chelmsford, MA

Structure Age (Provide source): Middlesex North Registry of Deeds

Reason for Demolition: Poor condition of the structure

Describe the demolition method: USE OF AN EXCAVATOR & 40 YD  
STEEL DUMPTRUCK FOR TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIAL (DEBRIS).

Property Owner Phone: (978) 441-6200 Cell Phone: (978) 375-0463

Property Owner email: DGRAY@KAZ-ENT.COM

Property Owner Mailing Address: 705 DUTTON STREET

LOWELL, MA 01854

Property Owner Signature \*: 

\* Signature verifies receipt of Demolition Delay Bylaw 16-2

Building Commissioner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Historical Commission (Historical.Commission@TownofChelmsford.us)  
Building Commissioner Planning Board  
Town Manager Board of Selectman

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

55-221-22

**Town/City:** Chelmsford

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

## Photograph



View looking west from Marshall Street.

**Address:** 3 Marshall Street

**Historic Name:** Annie and Henry Shedd Rental House

**Uses:** Present: Vacant

Original: Single-family dwelling

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1923-1930

**Source:** Middlesex North Plan Book 43, Plan 10; US Census

**Style/Form:** No style

**Architect/Builder:** Unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Stone, uncut

Wall/Trim: Wood clapboard / Wood trim

Roof: Asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** Garage (Ca. 1923-1930); shed (Mid-20<sup>th</sup> C)

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): Replacement vinyl windows (late 20<sup>th</sup> C);

**Condition:** Poor

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** 0.38

**Setting:** Located on a suburban street with grassy lawns and mature trees. Single-family residences constructed during the second quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century are located adjacent to the west, along the north side of Marshall Street. A subdivision of L 20<sup>th</sup> C single-family houses are located on the south side of Marshall Street.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Stacy Spies, Historic Preservation Consultant

**Date:** April 23, 2019

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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.*

3 Marshall Street is a 1 ½-story frame dwelling that rests on a fieldstone foundation. The house is covered with wood clapboard siding with cornerboards. The building measures 19 feet wide and 26 feet deep. The front-gabled roof has overhanging eaves. A slender brick chimney rises from the west roof slope. Most of the windows are 1/1 vinyl sash; a few 6/1 wood sash windows remain. Windows have simple, flat surrounds with hooks above the windows that originally supported wood-frame storm windows. Non-functional wood plank shutters, dating from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century based on their appearance, are located throughout the house. The façade (south) elevation contains a pair of windows centered in the half story; a hipped-roof porch measuring six feet deep extends along the width of the façade. Two windows and a door are sheltered by the porch; an oval light fills the top two-thirds of the paneled wood door. The porch features turned wood posts and a square-section wood balustrade with a reeded railing and stringer. The railing features a turned wood sphere atop the newell post. The porch floor is constructed of wood planks. The porch ceiling is constructed of narrow tongue-and-groove wood boards.

The east elevation contains two windows; a square, fixed-light window is located at the south end of the elevation. This Queen Anne-style window contains a square center light surrounded by small rectangular and square lights in multiple colors. Some of the lights contained patterned pressed glass. The west elevation contains three bays at the first floor; the south bay features a shallow projecting bay containing a single window. A small window is centered in the half story. Basement windows are rectangular six-light and three-light windows with wood frames.

A narrow one-story ell extends from the north elevation. The ell rests on a poured concrete foundation and is covered with wood clapboards and cornerboards. The ell is sheltered by a shed roof with overhanging eaves and a molded wood cornice. A short run of poured concrete steps is located at the northwest corner of the house where it meets the ell.

A small frame garage, constructed contemporaneously with the house based on its appearance, is located at the street at the southeastern corner of the property. The single-bay garage has a front-gabled roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter tails. A metal overhead garage door fills the south elevation. The building is sheathed with novelty siding and rests on a dry-laid fieldstone foundation. The garage appears to have been extended by a few feet to the south, a common occurrence as vehicles became larger during the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. A single paneled wood door is located in the north end of the west elevation. A fixed, six-light wood sash window is centered in the north elevation.

**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 house at 3 Marshall Street was constructed between 1923 and 1930 and was used as a rental property from at least 1930 until the present day.

In 1910, Thomas A. Stewart of Lowell, who worked as a molder at an iron foundry,<sup>1</sup> purchased a property at the northwest corner of Carlisle Road and Edmunds Street (now Marshall Street).<sup>2</sup> In 1918, Stewart's daughter, Anna Elizabeth Stewart

<sup>1</sup> United States Census, Lowell, Massachusetts, 1910.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex North Deed Book 458, p. 374.

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(1894-1975)<sup>3</sup> married Henry Carleton Shedd (1893-1969).<sup>4</sup> Henry C. Shedd lived at 75 Carlisle Street in Chelmsford with his parents. In that same year, Thomas Stewart sold the property to his new son-in-law.<sup>5</sup>

In 1923, the property at Carlisle Street and Marshall Street was subdivided into 15 lots.<sup>6</sup> The house at 3 Marshall Street was constructed on lots 5 and 6. At that time, subdivision was occurring elsewhere in East Chelmsford; Albina Street, located across Carlisle Street from Marshall Street, was subdivided in 1916.<sup>7</sup> It does not appear that Henry and Annie Shedd lived on Marshall Street; census data and city directories from 1920 through the 1970s indicate that they lived at 75 Carlisle Street. Henry C. Shedd worked as a dairy farmer and served local government as a member of a building committee for the North Chelmsford fire station.<sup>8</sup>

At the time of the 1930 census, Eva and John Black were renting the house on Marshall Street for \$30 per month.<sup>9</sup> The couple had married in 1921. John Black (1905-1967) was born in Scotland and immigrated in 1920. In 1930, he was working as a butter and eggs salesman. By the time of the 1940 census, John Black had steady work as a truck driver for a "bus transportation" business, a career in which he would continue for several decades. Eva Black (ca. 1899 or 1902-1983) lived at 3 Marshall Street until 1978.<sup>10</sup>

In 1967, Henry C. and Annie E. Shedd sold the 3 Marshall Street property to their son, William H. Shedd.<sup>11</sup> William H. Shedd (1927-2004)<sup>12</sup> worked most of his career as a plumber. In 1966, William H. Shedd became the Chelmsford municipal plumbing inspector.<sup>13</sup> 3 Marshall Street was owned by William H. Shedd until 2004.

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<sup>3</sup> Death notice filed with Middlesex North Deed Book 3212, p. 184

<sup>4</sup> Massachusetts Marriage Index, 1901-1955 and 1966-1970, Ancestry.com.

<sup>5</sup> Middlesex North Deed Book 584, p. 373.

<sup>6</sup> Henry O. Brooks, surveyor. "Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Mass. Belonging to Annie E. Shedd." Recorded in Middlesex North Registry of Deeds Plan Book 43, Plan 10.

<sup>7</sup> 1916 "Plan of Land in East Chelmsford, Mass. Belonging to H. Albina Manning... Surveyed by F.W. Huntington and Co., C.E., Additions 1917 by Smith and Brooks, C.E. Lowell, Mass." Recorded in Middlesex North Registry of Deeds Plan Book 34, Plan 83.

<sup>8</sup> Eleanor Parkhurst. *History of Chelmsford, 1910-1970.* Chelmsford, Mass.: Chelmsford Historical Commission. 2011: pp. 44, 45.

<sup>9</sup> United States Census, Chelmsford, Massachusetts, 1930.

<sup>10</sup> Registrar of Voters, Chelmsford, Ma. "List of Men and Women." 1978. (Chelmsford Public Library)

<sup>11</sup> Middlesex North Deed Book 1828, p. 490.

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<sup>13</sup> Parkhurst, p. 122.



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**SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES**



Façade (south elevation) and side (east) elevation. View looking northwest.



Façade entrance.

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Multi-color, pressed glass window on east elevation.



North elevation and ell at left; west elevation at right. View looking southeast.



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Garage west elevation and façade (south) elevation. View looking east.



Shed. View looking northwest.