

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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1. Town Chelmsford

Address 75 Newfield Street

Name Lewis Ripley House

Present use 1 family residence

Present owner Russell J. Cummings

3. Description:

Date 1850

Source Chelmsford Road Book, p. 175
deed: M.N.D.R. Bk. 17, p. 481

Style Greek Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric vinyl siding

Outbuildings (describe) 1/2 left rear of house
story barn

Other features _____

Altered see attached Date _____

no Date _____

5. Lot size:
20,000 sq. ft

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 270 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

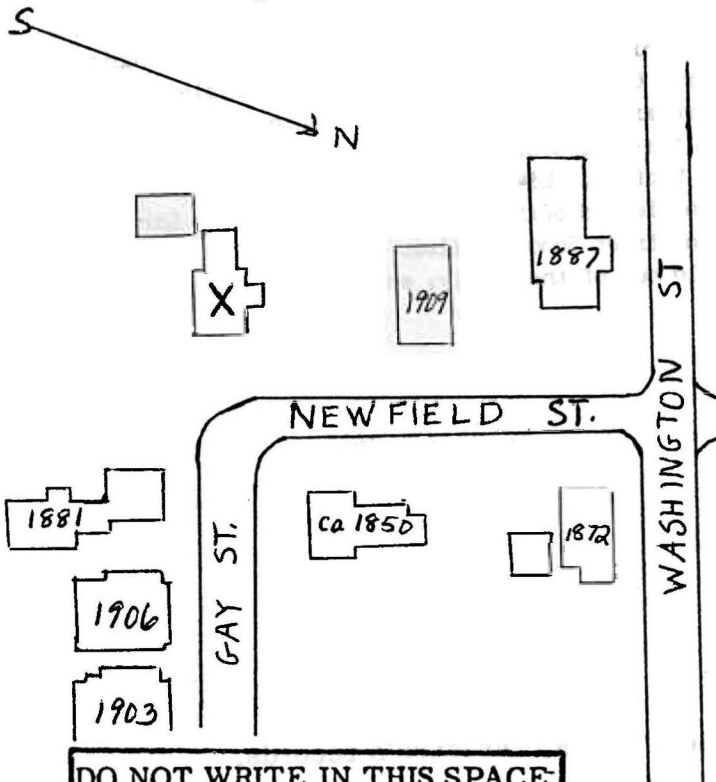
ca 35 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date May 19, 1987

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



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

7. Original owner (if known) Lewis Ripley

Original use 1 family 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)

This house was built in 1850 as a home for Lewis & Sophia Ripley on land purchased in 1848. The Ripley family became an important part of Chelmsford's manufacturing and civic history. Lewis spent his active career as a machinist with the North Chelmsford woolen mills and invented patents & improvements on woolen manufacture which proved of great value. He and his wife, Sophia, raised seven children here, including three boys who served in the Army & Navy during the Civil War. One of the boys, Frederick K. Ripley, lived here with his wife and family after Lewis' death in 1885. Frederick served an apprenticeship with the North Chelmsford machine company, Silver & Gay, before joining the Chelmsford Foundry Co., where he became a foreman and eventually worked with that company in Boston & Medford. Like his father, Frederick took an active interest in town affairs, though neither man served in elected offices. For many years, Miss Gertrude Jones, a teacher and later principal at the nearby Princeton Street School, lived with Frederick and Josephine Ripley. In 1935, after their death, the house was sold out of the family, ending 85 years of Ripley occupancy.

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

Mid. No. Dist. Reg. Deeds: Bk. 16, pg. 483 (1848); Bk. 17, pg. 481 (1851)

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Vol. IV, pg. 1515, published 1908

Chelmsford Vital Records, Revaluation Records (1970), Register of Voters List (1877-98)

Wallings Co. Map (1856), Beers Atlas (1875), Walker Map (1889), Geo. E. Norris Etching (1893)

Chelmsford Street Directories: 1896 - 1922

History of Chelmsford by Wilson Waters, pub. 1917, pg. 372, 388, 390

Mrs. William Kirschner, Mr. James Kiberd, Sr.

Mrs. Edward Vondal; Mrs. Mary Luenna (Vondal) Bergen

75 Newfield Street

Bk. 2445, pg. 632	10/17/1980	Jerry D. & Karen L. Lee to William H. III & Betsy Mae Kirschner, 75 Newfield St. \$61,450 2 parcels: 1. Lots 6,7,8 - 1924 Moore plan 2. land & buildings - southwest side Newfield St., Canal St.
Bk. 2097, pg. 92	12/28/1973	Richard G. & Nettie A. Grant to Jerry D. & Karen L. Lee, 75 Newfield St. \$28,400 2 parcels: 1. Lots 6,7,8 - 1924 Moore plan 2. land & buildings - southwest side Newfield St., formerly Canal St.
Bk. 1885, pg. 294	5/19/1969	Lloyd C. & Abby M. Kiberd, Dunstable, to Richard G. & Nettie A. Grant, 75 Newfield St. 2 parcels: 1. Lots 6,7,8 - 1924 Moore plan 2. land & buildings - southwest side Newfield St formerly Canal St.
Bk. 1821, pg. 60	10/31/1967	Archie J. Vondal to Lloyd C. & Abby M. Kiberd, Main St., Dundstable 2 parcels: 1. Lots 6,7,8 - 1924 Moore plan 2. land & buildings - southwest side Newfield St formerly Canal St.
Bk. 1056, pg. 270	10/28/1946	Doris Stevens, Lowell, to Archie J. & Mary M. Vondal land & buildings - southwest side Newfield St. formerly CanalSt.
Bk. 1056, pg. 270	10/28/1946	Mary M. Vondal to Doris Stevens, Lowell land & buildings - southwest side Newfield St., formerly Canal St.
Bk. 876, pg. 203	11/30/1935	Rupert B. Ripley, Lowell, to Mary M. Vondal land & buildings - southwest side Newfield St formerly Canal St.,
Middlesex Probate Docket #20573	1935	Estate of Carl H. Ripley
Bk. 876, pg. 202	11/30/1935	Estate of Carl H. Ripley to Rupert B. Ripley, Lowell \$1500 $\frac{1}{2}$ part - land & buildings
Middlesex Probate Docket #191363	1932	Estate of Josephine K. Ripley

Middlesex Probate Docket #114319	1917	Estate of Frederick K. Ripley
Bk. 65, pg. 432	2/01/1869	George T. Sheldon to Frederick K. Ripley \$1500 land & buildings - southerly side Canal St
North: B. 18, p.300 South: B.648, p.137	2/14/1853	Stearns L. Ripley to George T. Sheldon \$1500 land & buildings - south side of new street "Canal St."
North: B. 17, p.481 South: B.613, p.478	7/21/1851	Lewis Ripley, Manufacturer, to Stearns L. Ripley, Wilton, N.H., Manufacturer \$1500 land & buildings - south side of new street "Canal St."
North: B. 16, p.483 South: B.544, p.259	8/26/1848	Solomon, Benjamin, Thomas J. Adams, Gentlemen, to Lewis Ripley, Manufacturer \$130 lot - south side of new street "canal St."

Compiled by J. Drury, December 1983

Historic Homes and Places and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, By William Richard Cutter, 1908, Vol. IV, Page 1515

RIPLEY.

Lewis Ripley, father of Frederick K. Ripley, was born in Walpole, New Hampshire, 1802, and died in North Chelmsford, Massachusetts, 1885. He spent his active career at manufacture connected with woolen mills, and invented patents and improvements on woolen manufacture which proved of great value. He was a man of enterprise and ability, a loyal and patriotic citizen, and faithfully and conscientiously fulfilled the duties which fell to his share. He married Sophia Gardner, of Temple, New Hampshire, who bore him seven children: Stearns L., Edward H., Royal S., Frederick K., Julia L., Sophia E., Isabel. All are deceased except Frederick K. and Royal S.

Frederick K. Ripley was born in North Chelmsford, Massachusetts, 1846. He received a common school education, and later served an apprenticeship with Silver & Gay, machinists, North Chelmsford, and at the present time is connected with the Chelmsford Foundry Company, Boston, Massachusetts. He takes an active interest in the affairs of his town, and enjoys the confidence and respect of the members of his community in which he resides. He attends the Congregational church and, like his father, is a Republican in politics and a member of the Independent Order of Odd fellows. He married Josephine A. Kidder, who was born at Westford, Massachusetts, in 1849, daughter of James O. and Charlotte F. (Bruce) Kidder, and a connection of the Kidder family of Boston. Three children were the issue of this marriage: Gardner Kidder, born August 29, 1878, died January 7, 1903; Carl H., born June 21, 1880; Rupert B., born November 2, 1883.



After 1935



1936 oldest picture



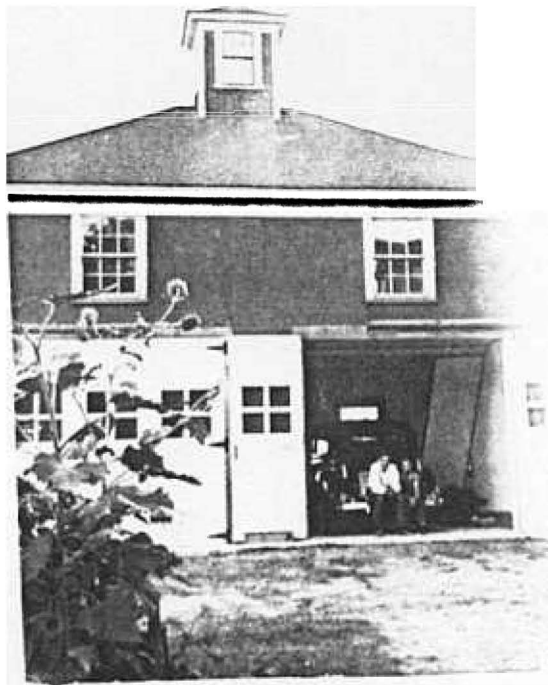
After 1935
 Before retaining wall
 Luenna } children of
 Abby } Archie + Mary
 Edward } Vondal
 * printed on same roll



After 1941 July 4
 "Gramp" Edward Vondal
 Edward, Archie's son
 Archie Vondal
 * printed on same roll



1936
 Edward + Abby Vondal



Edward + Nelson Aug. 24
Garage white inside with cardinal
red Trimmings - The floor will be
maroon.



Inside of Garage



Garage built by "Old Gramp", Edward A. Vondal



newest picture before 1969



75 Newfield Street

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