

FORM B – BUILDING

Date 10/2020

**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: Center Village

Address: 47 North Road

Historic Name: Eliza A. Hutchins

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1896-7

Source: deeds, taxes

Style/Form:

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation:

Wall/Trim:

Roof:

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates):

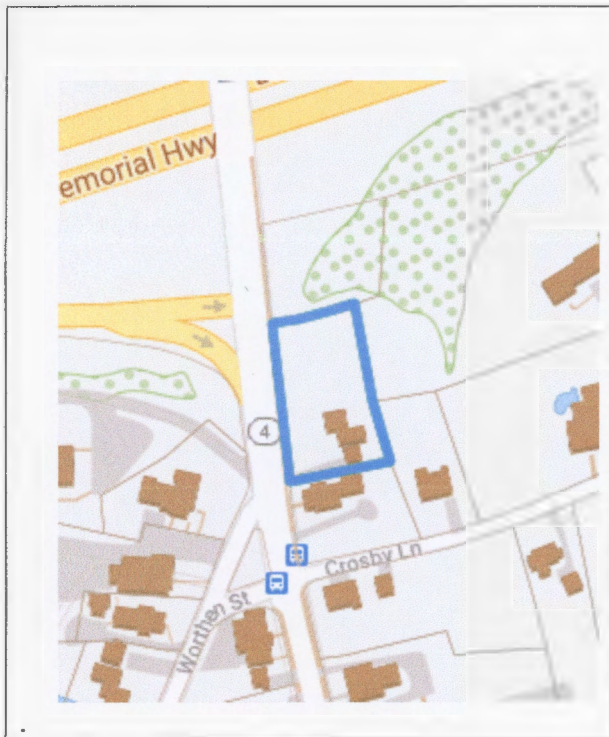
Condition:

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.74 Acres

Setting: On a busy main road from Chelmsford Center to North Chelmsford. lined with 1700- 1800 homes. Property adjacent to Interstate 495.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Linda V. Prescott

Organization: Chelmsford Historical commission

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47 NORTH ROAD

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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:

47 North Road is a 1865 square foot house located opposite the off ramp of Route 495 North. A driveway is tight to the Southern boundary of the site leading to a detached two car wood garage. The house appears to have been built in several phases. 1. A 22' x 25' two story gable front house; 2) a 23' x 13' one and a half story addition with farmers porch attached to the South; 3) a 13' x 21' one story ell attached to the East. The house has an asphalt shingled roof. The two story frame is gabled with an average pitch. The cornice consists of cyma, corona, and average depth soffits. The eaves return on the gable ends, devoid of the cyma. The one and a half story addition has two gabled wall dormers penetrating the cornice on the West side. The houses structure is balloon frame. The house is covered in asbestos siding with mitered corners with the exception of a small area on the ell exposing coursed wood shingles. The façade (West elevation) of the main structure has a projecting, three sided bay window extending down to grade to the North and an entry door with a flat roofed porch supported by wrought iron posts. The second floor has three evenly spaced 1/1 windows. The addition has a hip roofed full width porch supported by wrought iron posts. There is an additional entry door and three 1/1 windows. The rear elevation (East) has six 1/1 windows on the main building and addition and the ell has one 2/2 window on the gable end of the ell. Window surrounds appear to be wide casing with a patchwork of modifications. The West elevation foundation is square cut ashlar in regular courses. The remainder of the foundation appears to be random rubble.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

. The history of the house starts with Eliza A. Hutchins, widow of farmer from Westford, Mass. (1) At the age of 20, Eliza Hutchinson married a 26-year-old farmer George Hutchins (2). They lived on the farm and raised 6 children (3). During that time George fought and survived the Civil War (4). Eliza's husband passed away on May 21st, 1885 from cancer of the bowels leaving Eliza with enough money to purchase an acre of land and build a house in Chelmsford in 1886 (5). Eliza continued to raise the younger members of her family in the house until she sold the house in 1907 to Charles Cudworth from Littleton, N.H. and moved to Roxbury. In 1907 Charles Cudworth moved in with his wife Cora Rouillard of Acton, the niece if Mrs. Byam of Chelmsford (6). Records indicate he is a farmer, raises chickens and with his wife raise their daughter Ellen. Cora Cudworth passes in 1921 and several years later Charles sells the house and moves in with his daughter, Ellen Dutton living on Boston Road. His death notice posted in the Lowell Sun on March 27, 1934, pg. 8, states he was well known in town and a devoted, active member of his church. Charles M. Cudworth passes on March 25, 1934 in the home of his daughter Mrs. Dutton. In April 1929, Charles Cudworth sold the house to Lillie Cutler (7), a stenographer-bookkeeper for the City of Lowell. Born in Lowell, she attended the First Congregational Church on Merrimack Street all of her life. At the church's 50th anniversary, Lillie was the guest speaker, talking about her father architect Arthur S. Cutler, deceased, who designed the church (8). Lillie was an activist in both the world of women in service clubs and in business. A devoted long-standing member of the Business and Professional Women's Club (9) and a charter member of her church's Philathen Club (10). In her spare time, she provided bookkeeping and tax services to the elderly. In the September 10, 1936 issue of the Lowell Sun, Lillie was interviewed as the second woman to receive a Police Radio Broadcaster License. At the time of the interview, Lillie was a 25-year veteran in the police station. Eventually Lillie became a lawyer. Lillie Stiles Cutler entered the world on December 6, 1881 and died on October 9, 1970 (11). Upon Lillie Cutler's death her estate went to probate. Eventually, 47 North Road became the property of William H. and Floy C. Thayer (12). The 1930 Census place the Thayer's living in Lowell (13). Shortly after the Census, the family moved into the home. William H. did not enjoy his home for too long, he passed on October 3, 1933 and is buried in Lowell. We know by the 1940 Census, Lillie Cutler was head of household, sharing the responsibilities with her sister Floy Thayer and living with Floy's daughter Ester, son William H. and daughter-in-law Anne with a 2-year-old grandson. The family was very involved with music, William played the French Horn and was a well decorated Boy Scout. The family was busy in the Presbyterian Church of Lowell. The house remained in the Thayer family for several generations until it was sold to Philip and Jessica Davis in 2009. The house has passed hands more recently in 2019.

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47 North Road, 2 April 2021, by Fred Merriam

