

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Town Chelmsford
 Place (neighborhood or village)

Photograph

(3" x 3" or 3-1/2" x 5" black and white only) Label photo on back with town and property address. Record film roll and negative numbers here on the form. Staple photo to left side of form over this space. Attach additional photos to continuation sheets.

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Address 263 Old Westford Rd.

Historic Name Isaiah Spaulding House

Uses: Present residence, 1 family

Original residence

Date of Construction ca 1730 - 40

Source deeds

Style/Form Georgian; saltbox or leanto

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite blocks exterior.
 large rocks topped with brick interior

Wall/Trim vinyl sided

Roof side gables; ridge; purlins

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
 small shed on left rear corner of lot

Major Alterations (with dates)

see attachments

Condition good

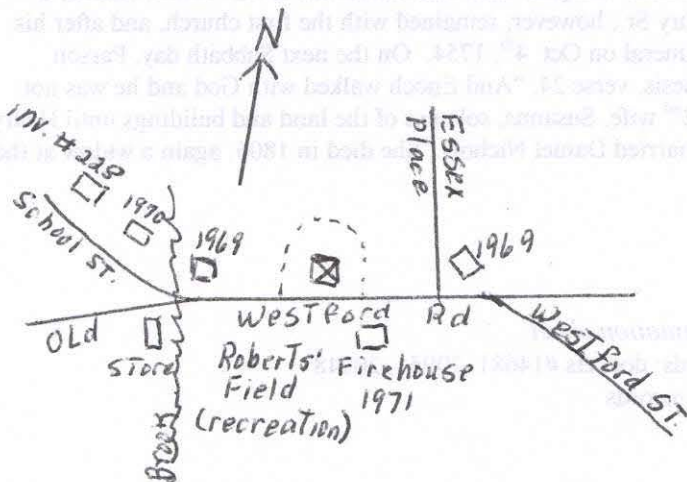
Moved no yes Date

Acreage 40,321 sq. ft.

Setting The setting is still relatively rural, though modern houses have been built nearby. The former District 7 school, now a residence, is located at 142 School St. A public athletic field is across Old Westford Rd. from 263 Old Westford Rd. Within walking distance are three other Spaulding houses.

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 Jane B. Drury

Organization for Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date (month/year) August 2005

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION see continuation sheet

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

This old saltbox (or, less likely, leanto) dwelling located 263 Old Westford Street is one of the early dwellings in Chelmsford. Although additions have been made to it, the original section remains little changed, with the exception of the removal of the center chimney. The present ell on the left side is on the site of a probable early free standing building. A tunnel with large boulders, erected after the house, leads from the cellar under the original house left to a smaller cellar under the ell (see attached diagram), which perhaps belonged to the earlier building. The roof construction of the main house is of purlin rafters and hand hewn pegged beams. A Beveley type jut extends from the right rear corner of the "saltbox". Two windows on the left side of the original house are slightly off set from each other, suggesting either old style architecture or perhaps that the main entrance has been changed.

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.

Henry Spaulding, a weaver, was born 1703 of an old Chelmsford family, and he was the first owner of this house at 263 Old Westford Rd. The dwelling was probably built about 1730, when he purchased a piece of land in this area, and in 1839 more was added to his homestead property. It was a sad time for him and his wife, Mary. They had three children born then, but unfortunately none of them survived, young Mary dying in 1733 in her 10th year, and her brother Henry died in 1737-8 when 8 years old. Sarah had throat distemper and died two years after her mother, in 1749. Mary, Henry's wife, died in 1747, only 47 years old.

On Nov. 1748 Henry married his 2nd wife, Susanna Richardson, another local girl. They had two children, Elizabeth, born in 1750, and Henry, born 1753. Elizabeth was four years old in August 1754, when, like her step-sister Sarah, she developed "throat distemper, and she died two weeks later. At this time a group of "Separatists" were agitating for a new church. Henry's wife, Susanna, was one of these, in spite of the fact that Henry was a deacon of the established church. On Sept. 13th, 1754 the minister "visited Henry Spaulding by his desire to discourse with his wife, lately carried away with Hyde y^e Separatist Speak^r." Apparently that was to no avail, as in 1757 she was still listed among the Separatists, and in 1795 their son Henry, Jr. was one of the men who paid their ministerial tax to Mr. John Peckens, a Separatist minister, instead of to the established first church's minister. Henry Sr., however, remained with the first church, and after his death following a lengthy illness, the minister for that church attended his funeral on Oct. 4th, 1754. On the next Sabbath day, Parson Bridge preached his favorite discourse for funerals, taking his text from Genesis, verse 24, "And Enoch walked with God and he was not: for God took him." He willed the property to his son Henry, Jr., and to his 2nd wife, Susanna, sole use of the land and buildings until Henry Jr. became 21 years old. Susanna remained a widow for six years until she married Daniel Nichols. She died in 1806, again a widow at the age of 91.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds: Bk. 180, pg. 210; Probate records: docket #14681, 20954, 20948

Chelmsford Assessors' records, Town Clerk's records, Building Inspector's records

Street Directories

1856 Wallings County map, 1831 map

The Spalding Memorial by Charles Warren Spalding, 1896, pg. 175, 297

Diary of Rev. Ebenezer Bridge

History of Chelmsford, Mass. by Rev. Wilson Waters

Chelmsford Book of Roads

Mrs. Charlotte Akashian: Sept. 16, 1976

Mrs. Elsie Bunce: Sept. 18, 1974

James Jackson: ca 1974

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town Property Address
CHELMSFORD 263 OLD WESTFORD RD.

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HISTORY

Henry Spaulding Jr. lived at the 263 Old Westford Rd. house throughout his life. At age 22 he married Mary Fletcher of Westford on November 1774. Henry and Mary raised 11 children, which were all born in Chelmsford. He was only 22 years old when their first child, May, was born on March 14, 1775. The next month he went to Concord on April 19th with the militia, as a private in Capt. Oliver Barron's company and Col. David Green's regiment. He served 7 days. Henry & Mary's eldest son, Henry 3rd, as an adult lived at 212 North Rd. (inventory #49), so their 2nd son, Isaiah (born 1792), inherited the homestead from his father in 1832. However, Mary, who was Henry's widow and Isaiah's mother, was given a lifetime use of 1/2 the house, all the furniture, a horse & carriage, and wood for a fire was to be provided for her.

Deacon Isaiah Spalding remained on the farm with his 1st wife, Patty Byam, whom he married in 1813, and where they raised five children. Their youngest son, Solomon Henry, enlisted in Co. E, 26th Regt. of Mass. Vols. and died unmarried on June 22, 1862 in New Orleans, soon after its capture. Deacon Isaiah served one year as selectman in 1834. In 1877 he sold 1/4 acre of his land west of the house to the town for a new schoolhouse. He died in 1882 and in his will his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Tucke, was given the use of the west room in the house while the estate was being settled, but his oldest son, Isaiah Byam, born 1818, inherited the homestead. Since he was already living at 187 Robin Hill Rd. in South Chelmsford, he sold it out of the family in 1886.

Born in Graniteville in Westford, Patrick Savage resided in Westford in 1886, when he and his wife, Catherine, purchased the farm at 263 Old Westford Rd.. The property then consisted of the dwelling, two barns, and three other buildings on 99 acres of land, including some sprout land. Patrick was a farmer, as had been the Spauldings before him. Apparently he quite a character. Elsie Bunce's father, Albert Reade, was a blacksmith who hired Pat to work for him. When an adult Mrs. Bunce said, "He stood on his head, made faces, [I] never knew what he would do. I had such a terror of him, I'd keep away from him." Helen G. Savage, who was probably Patrick's sister, came to live with them. Patrick and Catherine raised several children here, including James, who married in 1915 but continued to help his father before moving back to Westford in 1917/18. Mary, a daughter of Patrick & Catherine, married two months after her brother James. When Catherine died she left a life estate to Patrick, and after his death in 1941, Helen took over the household, but Ellen inherited the property. She worked as a cashier and remained single all her life. Her sister Katherine had become a waitress, Eleanor a nurse, and John joined the Army. In 1943 Ellen sold the house to the Roberts family, who came from Lowell and resided at 263 Old Westford Rd for the next 25 years. They were the last owners to farm the property. In 1966 they sold the land across the street, opposite the house, to the Town, and it has become the much used Roberts Field. The present owners, Charlotte and Newton Akashian, have owned the house and 40, 321 sq. feet of land since 1971.

263 Old Westford Road
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Bk. 2186, pg. 299	03/15/1976	James R. & Katherine C. Jackson, Marion, Ma to Newton R. Jr. & Charlotte A. Akashian, 263 Old Westford Rd. \$41,900 40,321 sq. ft. Land & buildings Lot 3 on 1966 Roberts Trust Plan, plan bk. 104, plan 121 subject: to all easements now in force \$27,602.16 mortgage, bk. 1970, pg. 96 same: 1971 Craven-Smith deed, bk. 1970, pg. 94
Bk. 1970, pg. 094	7/26/1971	John & Sue Craven-Smith to James N. & Katherine C. Jackson, 263 Old Westford Rd. \$33,750 40,321 sq. ft. Land & buildings Lot 3 on 1966 Roberts Trust Plan, plan bk. 104, plan 121 subject: to all easements now in force \$27,602.16 mortgage, bk. 1970, pg. 96 same: 1963 Roberts Trust deed, bk. 1846, pg. 287
Bk. 1846, pg. 287	6/10/1968	Edward E. Roberts, Trustee of Edward M. Roberts Trust, to John & Sue Craven-Smith, 263 Old Westford Rd. 40,321 sq. ft. Land & buildings Lot 3 on 1966 Roberts Trust Plan, plan bk. 104, plan 121 subject: to all easements now in force \$27,602.16 mortgage, bk. 1970, pg. 96 same: portion of 1966 Roberts deed, bk. 1743, pg. 404
Bk. 1743, pg. 404	3/24/1966	Helen W. Roberts to Edward M. Roberts, Trustee of Edward M. Roberts Trust land & buildings: bounded by School St., School House Lot, & Old Westford Rd. exceptions: several pieces of land subject takings by County Commissioners 1966 mortgage, bk. 1734, pg. 301
Bk. 993, pg. 075	6/29, 1943	Ellen G. Savage, unmarried, to Edward J. & Helen W. Roberts, Lowell 100 acres & buildings: foot of Ridge Hill, School House Lot, Westford & Lowell Rd., & other side of road same: 1886 Spaulding deed, bk. 180, 210 to Catherine Savage
Middlesex Probate Docket # 212941	Will	Estate of Catherine M. Savage to Ellen G. Savage life estate to Patrick J. Savage, now deceased
Bk. 180, pg. 210	3/24/1886	Isaiah B. Spaulding to Catherine M. Savage, Westford \$4500 100 acres & buildings: foot of Ridge Hill, School House Lot, Westford & Lowell Rd., & other side of road

Middlesex Probate Docket # 14681	1882 Will	Estate of Isaiah Spaulding to Elizabeth Ann Tuck, wife west room in house during estate settlement & ½ of furniture Isaiah Byam Spaulding, son remainder of estate Isaiah Spaulding died July 24, 1882
Middlesex Probate Docket # 20954	1832 Will	Estate of Henry Spaulding, yeoman, to Mary Spalding, wife ½ house & buildings: lifetime use all household furniture wood for fire, horse & carriage Isaiah Spaulding, son land & buildings
Middlesex Probate Docket # 20948	1754 Will	Estate of Henry Spaulding, husbandman, to Susanna, wife sole use of lands & buildings until son Henry 21 years old then 1/3 part lifetime use lands & buildings Henry, son all lands & buildings
Bk.	13/11/1739	Andrew Spaulding, weaver, to Henry Spaulding, weaver land: north & south sides of highway near said Spaulding's barn and
Bk.	01/06/1730	Samuel Stevens, husbandman, to Henry Spaulding, weaver upland

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1974, additions 2005

Chelmsford Vital Records Spaulding, Spalding

Deaths:

Henery, s. [only s. G.R.1] Henry and Mary, Jan. 22, 1737-8

Mary, d. Henery and Mary, Aug. 5, 1733 [in her 10 y. G.R.1]

Mary, w. Henery [jr. C.R.1], Oct. 2, 1747. [in her 47th y. G.R.1]

Sarah, d. Henry [jr. C.R.1] and Mary [throat distemper. P.R.4]

Henry, d. Oct. 2, 1754, in his 52nd y. G.R.1

Henry jr's son: there are more

Elijah, d. Oct.14, 1798 [a. 15 y. G.R.2] G.R.2 = Heart Pond Cem.

Isaiah's son: there are more

Infant, b. 1821; d. in infancy

Susanna Nichols, w. Daniel, d. old age Oct. 11, 1806, ae 91 years.

Chelmsford Vital Records Savage

Deaths: 1895 = 1980

Savage, Catherine, Helen: not listed

Savage, Patrick J.

1941, pg. 21

wife: Catherine M. Foley

age: 90 years, 8 months

widower

born: Graniteville, son of James (b. Ireland) & Ellen Dillon (b. Ireland)

farmer

buried: St. Patrick's cemetery, Lowell

cause: arterio sclerosis; myocardial failure; prostate

Savage, Ellen G.

Sept. 22, 1956 Lowell

single

age: 80 years

resides: Chelmsford

daughter of Patrick J. Savage (b. Westford) & Catherine M. Foley (b. Ireland)

buried: St. Patrick's Cemetery, Lowell

cause: uremia, carcinoma of bladder

Marriages:

1894 – 1970

April 30, 1915

James J. Savage

age 38; 1st marriage; res. West Chelmsford; farmer

born: Westford, son of Patrick Savage & Catherine M. Foley

Mary E. Flynn

age 35; 1st marriage; res. Westford; at home

born: Lowell, daughter of John Savage & Ellen

June 30, 1915

Mary A. Savage

age 36; 1st marriage; res. Chelmsford; book keeper

born: Lowell, daughter of Patrick Savage & Catherine Foley

Patrick J. Flynn

age 30; 1st marriage; resi. Chelmsford; teamsster

born: Lowell, son of Patrick Flynn & Margaret Hayden

511. Henry⁴ [166], (Andrew³, Andrew², Edward¹), b. Sept. 6, 1703, in Chelmsford, Mass.; m. Mary --; she d. Oct. 2, 1747; 2nd m. Susanna Richardson, Nov. 21, 1748; he resided in Chelmsford, and his children were born there; his will was admitted to probate October, 1754. His widow Susanna is mentioned, and his children Henry and Elizabeth.
512. Mary, b. June 15, 1724; d. Aug. 5, 1733
513. Henry, b. March 24, 1730; d. Jan. 22, 1738
514. Sarah, b. Feb. 6, 1735; d. Sept. 4, 1749
515. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 15, 1750
516. Henry [1450], b. Jan. 15, 1753

Rev. Ebenezer Bridge Diary

- Mar. 6, 1754 Visited Widow Spaulding – her son Jacob & her son David whose child is dangerously sick & prayed with em.
- Mar 29, 1754 Visited Jacob Spaulding his wife disord^d in body & mind prayed with em – also Wid^w Spaulding & son David.
- June 14, 1754 PM Visited Wid^w Spaulding & son David & son Jacob his wife yet much disordered & pray'd etc.
- Aug. 9, 1754 Visited Henry Spaulding deacons son, his youngest D^r sick throat distemp^r
- Aug. 19, 1754 Attended y^e funeral of y^e child of Henry Spaulding named Mary & y^e children of Eb^z Harris named Tho^s & Will^m
- Sept. 13. 1754 Visited Henry Spaulding by his desire to discourse with his wife, lately carried away with Hyde y Separatist Speak^r
- Oct. 2, 1754 Henry Spaulding died
- Oct. 4, 1754 Attended y fun^l of Henry Spaulding
- Feb. 11, 1756 Visited Wid^w Spaulding & son David & dined wth em. Also a French family lately come f^m Nova Scotia & quartered here for y^e present – also Jacob Spaulding.
- May 3, 1756 Visited Olive Ball sick at Henry Spauldings & pray'd wth her.
- Sept. 21, 1756 Visited Ensign Stevens, Wid^w Spaulding, Old Wid^w Spaulding & son David.
- Aug. 26, 1757 The meeting of ministers to approbate Hyde seems to come to nought.
[Waters: Widow Sarah Swallow, Widow of Oliver Adams, Mrs. Blaisdell, Henry Spaulding's wife and Thomas Spalding and wife were of :Hyde's hearers"]
- May 14, 1758 PM Visited Sam^l Stevens & his son Simⁿ Wid^w Susanna Spaulding – Old Wid^w Spaulding & her sons David & Jacob - & y French pple.
- Dec. 1, 1760 In y^e Even^s Maaried Dan^l Nichols & Susanna Spaulding – fee a Doll.
- Nov. 21, 1768 Daniel Nichols died last night Æ^t 62.
- Jan. 14, 1772 My wife & I went a visiting – I left her at Wid^o Nichols, & visited..... Then I went & dined at Wid^o Nichols with my wife.....
- Apr. 11, 1782 I visited Ensign Stevens sick and prayed wth him – also visited his son Simⁿ, Henry Spaulding & is Moth^r Nichols
- Mar. 12, 1754 This day was buried anoth^r child of M^f Hyde a separate Speaker at y S. End.
[See 25 Feb^y past]

Waters, History of Chelmsford

- Pg. 163 Men in Expedition to Crown Point, Col. Eleazer's Reg't included Isaiah Spaulding & neighbor Samuel Stevens
- Pg. 173 Return of men inlisted or impressed for His Majesty's Service in Reg't of Eleazer Tyng, Esq. For the invasion of Canada. Sworn in April 19, 1759, included Isaiah Spaulding.
- Pg. 244 A List of Travil and Service of Capt. Oliver Barron of Chelmsford....and the men under him belonging to the Regiment of Militia whereof David Green Esq. is Colonel. ye 19th of April 1775
Included Henry Spaulding Junr., private. Time of service 7 days
- pg. 546 A favorite discourse of Parson Bridge for such occasions (funerals) was from the text in Gen. v. 24: "And Enoch walked with God and he was not: for God took him." This was "Preached Sab. after ye D & funll of Henry Spaulding – octo. 6 – 1754"
- pg. 570 [A] Henry Spaulding owned slaves
- pg. 701 In 1795 these men paid their part of the ministerial tax to Mr. John Peckens, instead of to Mr. Packard.
Included Henry Spaulding Jr.

Mrs. Elsie Bunce (b. 1885), Sept. 18, 1974:

Pat Savage lived in Isaiah Spaulding house. Mrs. Bunce's father, a blacksmith, used to hire Pat to work for him. "Oh, he was a character; stood on his head, made faces, never knew what he would do. I had such a terror of him, I'd keep away from him."....and his house.

Lucinda Prescott or her brother, who live at the old house at Chamberlain's Corner in Westford all their life, might remember the house.

Mrs. Charlotte Akashian, Sept. 16, 1976:

The Akashians did the following work:

new roof

new bathroom upstairs

dining room (main house, left front room) - woodwork stripped, ceiling removed to show beams (they were stripped with "Stripez" and sanded, so they saw pit saw marks, but these saw marks are no longer left. Can see wide pine floor boards of second floor above ceiling beams.

Waters, History of Chelmsford:

pg. 345 Spaulding, Henry, Jr. Chelmsford. Private, Capt. Oliver Barron's Co. of Militia, Col. David Green's Regt., which marched in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 7 days.

pg. 764 1834. Selectman: Isaiah Spaulding.

Diary of Rev. Ebenezer Bridge:

June 14, 1768 - Attended a raising at Henry Spauldings PM

Road from Isaiah Spaulding to Josiah Richardson's

6/25/1838

(Altered and Straightened)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss: At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex holden at Concord in said County, on the third Tuesday of September ADz 1838. The petition of Isaiah Spaulding for a widening and straightening in the highway from the house of said Spaulding to near the house of Josiah Richardson in Chelmsford.

This petition was presented to the County Commissioners at their meeting holden at Concord in said County on the second Tuesday in May last by the record thereof there entered is at large set forth, and thence said petition was continued to this time. And now the said Commissioners having viewed the premises and heard all parties interested and having adjudged that the widening and straightening prayed for in said petition were of common convenience and necessity, make their return of their proceedings in the premises, which return follows in these words, viz:

"Pursuant to their former proceedings on the petition of Isaiah Spaulding and others, and to the law in such case made and provided, the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex having given all persons and corporations interested therein reasonable notice as the law directs, met at the house of Isaiah Spaulding in Chelmsford on the 25th day of June AD 1838, to wit: Caleb Butler and Timothy Fletcher, County Commissioners and Abner Wheeler the other County Commissioner being sick and unable to attend, Timothy Prescott, one of the Special Commissioners for said County, was notified and he attended and voted on the board instead of the ~~other~~ said Wheeler. And having viewed the premises and heard the parties, said Commissioners did adjudge that the widening and straightening and alterations in said ~~petition~~ petition prayed for are of common convenience and necessity. And no person or corporation objecting, said Commissioners then and there proceeded to lay out the widening and straightening in the highway prayed for in said petition which had been adjudged of common convenience and necessity, and ascertained the courses and established the boundaries thereof as follows:

Beginnings at a stake and stones on the southerly side of the old road and easterly of Isaiah Spaulding's house; thence running N 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 23 rods on land of Benjamin Spaulding to a stake and stones; thence running N 25 E 24 rods on said Benjamin's land to a large pine tree, being a southerly boundary of the old road; thence N 37 E 14 rods on land of Asa Stevens to a stake and stones; thence N 45 E 13 rods and 5 links on said Asa Stevens land to a white oak tree, marked; thence N 81 E 24 rods on said Asa's land to the corner of Josiah Richardson's wall; thence easterly about 4 rods by said wall being the ~~boundary~~ southerly boundary of the old road. Said highway thus altered, widened and straightened to be three rods wide on the northerly and north-westerly side of the above lines and monuments.

And the said Commissioners determine and order that the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, being the town in which said highway is situated, shall on or before the 1st day of July, which will be in the year of our Lord 1839, lay open, construct and complete said highway so that 24 feet in width thereof throughout the whole shall be safe and convenient for the passage of oxen, horses, carts, waggons, carriages and teams of every description with customary loads.

The form and manner of construction shall be as follows: All stumps, stones and other obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid; and so shaped that the center shall be 18 inches higher than

the sides by a regularly curved surface; all small inequalities shall be reduced to a level or regularly inclined plane, ascending or descending and greater rises and hills to an angle not exceeding 4° with the horizon; drains, sluices and bridges constructed of stone and of sufficient capacity shall be made at all places necessary for conducting away the water; swampy and soft bottoms shall be raised at least 2 feet, and 12 inches on the surface of the whole part to be travelled upon shall consist of gravel or other material which shall be permanently hard; where excavations are necessary, the banks on the sides shall not be left standing at a greater angle than 45° with the horizon; railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner to the acceptance of the Commissioners.

And said Commissioners estimate the expense of making said highway in manner and form aforesaid at the sum of \$75. And the proprietors or occupants of the lands over which said highway is thus laid out are allowed until the 1st day of April next to remove from the premises any wood, timber, trees or other property not useful for the construction of said highway.

And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands by themselves or their agents, on the subject of damages by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same at the sums respectively annexed to their several names, viz:

To Benjamin Spaulding \$10
 To Asa Stevens \$15

In witness whereof, we, the said County Commissioners, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 25th day of June AD 1838.

Caleb Butler and seal
 Timothy Fletcher and seal
 Timothy Prescott and seal

And the said Commissioners order that the widening and straightening in said return described be, and the same are hereby established as and for a public highway, and that the same be recorded to the end the same may hereafter be known as such.

And the said Commissioners further order that the said sums estimated as damages to the said Spaulding and Stevens be paid to them out of the County Treasury by the 1st day of July 1839.

A true copy of record: Attest, E. Phinney, Clerk
 Recorded by E.F. Webster, Town Clerk
 (Original book pages 89-92).

Typed Book of Roads, pages 136-9

Chelmsford, Nov. 20, 1749

Book G.
Page 320

A highway viewed and bounded out by us the subscribers taking a part of the highway that was discontinued at the last Town Meeting, held on the 6th day of November, 1749 -- being the southerly part of said way till it comes to a black oak tree marked and a heap of stones being Samuel Adams Bounds by said highway, and running northerly to a small black oak tree, and still northerly to a small chestnut tree and still northerly to a walnut tree and northerly to a white oak tree and still northerly to a rock and heap of stones on it by the county road that leads from Chelmsford to Westford. The said trees are marked running and facing said way and the way is to be two rods wide on the easterly side of said marks; and is partly in the land of Col. Sampson Stoddard and partly in the land of Capt. Thomas Read. Thereon the the northerly side of said county road beginning at a rock and heap of stones by said county road and running northerly to a small oak tree - still northerly to a walnut tree by said Col Stoddard's wall and northerly by said wall to a black oak tree standing in the wall - then northeasterly by said Stoddard's land to a white oak tree by the highway to Stony Brook, it being Henry Spaulding's corner bound - said trees are marked running and facing said way and the highway is to be two rods wide on the westerly side of said marks and in the land of Henry Spaulding.

Ephraim Spaulding
Daniel Proctor
Henry Spaulding - Selectmen

A true copy of the Selectmen's report recorded March 6, 1749/50 by
Ephraim Spaulding, Town Clerk.

(Original book page 14, typewritten book page 33)

Highway from Westford Road over Ridge Hill to Keyes Mill
(Index to the Roads in Old Book, pg. 23. 1793)

Book P, Page 308

Original Handwritten Book; page 23

Typewritten Book of Roads, page 52.

Chelmsford, August 21, 1793

A town way laid out by the Selectmen of said Town on the day aforesaid, Beginning at the road that leads from the Chelmsford Meeting house to Westford near Mr. Simeon Steven's house at the head of the lane between said Steven's house and the School House. Then running northwardly as the path now goes between the land of Simeon Stevens and Henry Spaulding by the fences as they now stand until it comes to a stake and stones at the corner of the wall of the said Stevens over the stone bridge at Ridge Hill (so called). Then running northerly over said hill as the path is now trod to a stake and stones by the road leading around Simeon Steven's pasture to Issachar Keyes. Said road is laid out three rods wide from the bound mentioned by the Stone Bridge to the last mentioned bound. Said bounds are on the most westerly side of said road.

Benjamin Spaulding
Jonas Pierce - Selectmen

Accepted by the town and recorded by Benjamin Spaulding, Town Clerk.



263 Old Westford Road

1/27/2006 F. Merriam

