

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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1. Town Chelmsford

Address 217 Pine Hill Road

Name The Shed Place

Present use unoccupied

Present owner Charles Koulas

2 Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
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3 Description

Date pre - 1831

Source map, deeds

Style cape

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings (describe) barn

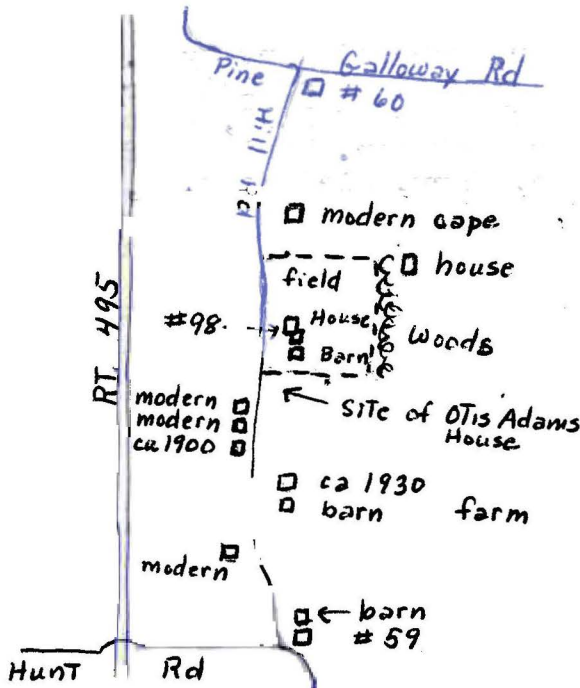
Other features very deteriorated

Central chimney, fireplaces, wide floorboards

Altered new window Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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



5. Lot size

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre 4

Approximate frontage 500 feet

Approximate distance of building from street  
35 feet

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Historical Comm

Date 10/31/73

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

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates cooper's shop to 1831 (in shed attached to right side of house?); farm to present time

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation
Agricultural	<u>x</u>	Education	_____	Religion
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian
Commerce	_____	Military	<u>x</u>	Transportation
Communication	_____	Political	_____	
Community development	_____			

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Although now in deteriorated condition, this house is one of the best examples in Chelmsford of the early so-called Cape Cod houses. It has remained unoccupied since 1951, when it was purchased by its present owner, Charles Koulas, who stores hay in the barn. The interior has not yet been viewed by a member of the Historical Commission.

More research should be done on this house. Further search in the deeds may show the house to be built quite a bit earlier than 1831, the date of the earliest deed so far found.

On June 17, 1802 John Shed, a cooper, married Mary Byam. Perhaps he bought the property about this time. Although no official record has been found of Chelmsford men who fought in the War of 1812, John Shed probably obtained his title of "Captain" during that war. During 1823-4-5 he served as a selectman of Chelmsford. His wife, Mary, died Sept. 3, 1830 at the age of 48, and the following year, May 7, 1831, John sold the house and cooper's shop with 4 acres of land to Soloman Byam for \$350. He, John, died on March 1848, at the age of 74 years.

The house and 4 acres of land changed owners 6 times until 1864, each time called the "Shed Place" in the deeds. Apparently the land has been farmed during most of the existence of the house.

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

1831 map

1875 Beers Atlas

Deeds: Mid. Co. Northern Reg., Chelmsford Book 12, Pg. 544, May 7, 1831, John Shed, gentleman, to Soloman Byam, yeoman.

Chelmsford, Mass. Vital Records to 1850

Waters, History of Chelmsford

1955 "Chelmsford Newsweekly"

## Middlesex Registry of Deeds

Compiled by J. Drury  
3/28/72

North: Book 1179, Page 321

Oct 4, 1951

\$7000

Ellen MacDonald (Nellie), widow of Joseph, to  
Charles Koulas  
Buildings thereon

North: Book 370, Page 546

Oct. 1, 1904

\$1 & other valuable considera-  
tionJohn and Mary Jane O'Keefe to  
Joseph McDonald  
Buildings thereon; homestead

North: Book 275, Page 590

June 20, 1896

\$1800

Mary Y. O'Keefe, widow of Timothy, of Lynn to  
John O'Keefe of Concord  
Buildings thereon; homestead

North: Book 40, Page 499

Oct. 17, 1864

\$1700

Eliza E. Merriam of Lynn to  
Timothy O'Keefe of Concord  
Buildings thereon (called Shed place); homestead

North: Book 40, Page 502

MORTGAGE

Oct. 17, 1864

\$800

Timothy O'Keefe of Concord to  
Eliza E. Merriam of Lynn

North: Book 38, Page 19

May 23, 1864

\$1700

Otis Adams & Abigail O. Adams (wife), yeoman, to  
Eliza E. Merriam of Lynn  
Buildings thereon (called Shed place); homestead

North: Book 16, Page 435; South: Book 535, Page 505

July 3, 1848

\$1800

Ashbel & Martha H. Moore, yeoman, to  
Darrius Merriam of Lowell, manufacturer  
Buildings thereon (called Shed place)

- North: Book 15, Page 591; South: Book 448, Page 239  
June 12, 1846 \$1425  
Amos & Eliza H. Byam, yeoman, to  
Ashbel Moore  
Messuage & lands (called Shed place)  
Being the same premises, formerly conveyed to Henry Byam  
by Samuel Perham by deed dated Nov. 20th, 1750
- North: Book 15, Page 593; South: Book 488, Page 241 MORTGAGE  
June 12, 1846 \$1000  
Ashbel Moore to  
Amos Byam
- North: Book 15, Page 69; South: Book 414, Page 488  
April 28, 1842 \$950  
Eldad P. & Sarah S. Bean, yeoman, to  
Rufus Byam, yeoman  
Messuage & lands (called Shed place)
- North: Book 13, Page 561; South Book 387, Page 2  
Aug. 31, 1839 \$900  
Jepthah Parker, yeoman, to  
Eldad P. Bean, yeoman  
Messuage & lands (called Shed place)
- North: Book 14 (13?), Page 218; South: Book 37 (337?), Page 265  
March 23, 1837 \$500  
Soloman E. Byam, yeoman, to  
Jepthah Parker, yeoman  
Messuage & lands (called Shed place)  
Being the same premises conveyed to me by Otis Byam,  
administrator ~~vc~~ by deed dated April 22, 1834
- North: Book 12, Page 544; South: Book 305, Page 510  
May 7, 1831 \$350  
John Shed, gentleman, to  
Soloman Byam, yeoman  
House & shop

217 Pine Hill Road

Lowell Weekly Journal

Sept. 27, 1895 - Mr. Timothy O'Keefe, for thirty years a resident of the town, moved to Lynn, Monday. He has been a worthy citizen and a successful farmer.....The sale of his farm has been placed in the hands of H.L. Greene of Lowell.

June 26, 1896 - Mrs. Timothy O'Keefe has sold her farm to her brother-in-law, John O'Keefe of Concord.

Dec. 18, 1896 - John O'Keefe of Concord is cutting off all the wood on the Timothy O'Keefe place.





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