

FORM B – BUILDING

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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Billerica

Town/City: Chelmsford

Place: Center

Photograph



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Address: 1 Plum street

Historic Name: Rose Macauley House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1932

Source: Center Water District Map, Taxes

Style/Form: one story

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: cement blocks

Wall/Trim: vinyl

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: detached garage

Major Alterations 16 foot 3 season porch addition

Condition: good

Moved: no X yes **Date:**

Acreage: .43 Acres

Setting: located in a quiet residential neighborhood just outside of the center off of the road to Billerica. House sits close to the street, back of the lot is Beaver Brook wetland. Most of the houses were built in the 1930s.

Locus Map



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Date 4/21

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CHELMSFORD

1 PLUM STREET

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 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: This 20 x 36-foot end gable style single floor home with vinyl siding and asphalt roof sits on a cement block foundation about 10 feet from the road. The north façade: the east end has a bay window, then front door with an angular pediment supported with elaborate brackets. In the center portion of the façade is another bay window same as the former and the west end a 1/1 pane window. Each gable end of the house has 2 single 1/1 windows. On the south side of the roof just below the ridgeline a little off center, is a small chimney. In 2019, the current owners built a 16 x 16-foot 3 season porch on the south façade. Except for the original pediment over the front door, former owners have completely “updated” the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

In 1932, Rose E Macauley, a 31-year-old stenographer working in a law office, living in Lowell (1) purchased 3 acres of land just outside of Chelmsford Center referred to as the “Fletcher Lot” (2). Although some records indicate Rose lived in Lowell, Chelmsford tax records for 1932 confirm Rose was living in the house (3). In 1932, Rose sold the house to Clarence and Ella Nickles of Littleton Road, Chelmsford. Rose may have rented the house until the Nickles sold it. Nickles address has always been on Littleton Road (4).

Clarence Nickles and his wife Ella chose to rent a house on Littleton Road near to his place of business. Clarence was a dealer in wood and ice (5). Chelmsford has numerous spring fed lakes and ponds, therefore a large ice industry. It has been said that at the turn of the 20th century there were about 50 ice houses in town. Clarence was well known in the community; he usually was appointed by the town to serve as a merchandise weigher (6).

On May 16, 1946, the property was sold to Cora Kidder of Chelmsford, and in March of 1950, Cora added her daughter Esther L. to the deed (7). Cora was born Cora M. Robbins on September 6, 1879, to Samuel and Charlette Robbins of Carlisle one of the oldest families in the area (8). On April 7, 1899, Cora married Rothesay Kidder, from Putney Vermont and living as a draftsman in Lowell (9). Rothesay was very active in the Masonic Order and the South Chelmsford Rod and Gun Club (10). Before his passing, the family lived on Littleton Road. In her “spare time” Cora was very active with the County Extension Service while raising her family (11).

Cora’s daughter Esther Louise was born June 1, 1918, apparently was well educated for the time by completing 2 years of college. Esther worked as a bookkeeper in a garage and later became a secretary for Fred C. Church Ins. (12). Esther married Roland A. Heald also of Chelmsford in 1951. For Esther this was her only marriage, for Roland it was his second. (13)

Roland Heald appears in the 1920 census at the age of 10 as a lodger, maybe an orphan. In the 1930 Census, Roland is 21, married, has 4 step children and is working as a carpenter. In the 1940 Census, Roland is 31 is working for the Boston and Maine Railroad as a trackman to support his wife, 4 step children and 2 of his own children. (14) Roland’s wife Marguerite passed in 1950 and he married Esther in 1951. (15) After the wedding, Cora moved out and left the house to Roland and her daughter Esther. Esther sold the house several years after Roland’s death in 1972 (16). Roland is buried with his first wife and Esther is buried with her mother.

Walter and Eleanor N. Hedlund purchased the house in December 1974. Walter was a Chelmsford High School Varsity football player who married Eleanor Stonge in 1968. (17)

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Fred Merriam, photographer
Will Arvidson, architect

**1 Plum Street
Deeds**

DATE	BK/PG	NAMES	DESCRIPTION
Jan 31 2002	2703/9	Winn/Cockerline to Pierce	Mary E. Winn F/K/A Mary Cockerline, unmarried of Chelmsford to Thomas G. and Karen M. Pierce, husband and wife, as tenants of the entirety of Chelmsford, the land and buildings situated on the Southerly side of Plum St. and being Lots B2 and C on plan of Chelmsford 1936. Subdivision of Lot B September 27, 1944, PB 66/50 bounded: Northerly by Plum St., 110'. thence Easterly by Lot B-1 on said plan, 136.5', thence Southerly and Southwesterly by the center line of Beaver Brook, shown on said plan, 145', thence Westerly by Lots D on said plan, 223'. Containing 18,600 sq. '.
May 15 1985	3043/62	Cockerline to Cockerline	Scot and Mary Cockerline, being married to Mary Cockerline, of Chelmsford the land and buildings situated on the southerly side of Plum St. Being Lots B2 and C on PB 66/50. Containing 18,600 sq. '.
Aug 15 1983	2642/37	Hezlitt to Cockerline	Judith M. and Robert P. Hezlitt, Sr., both of Chelmsford to Scot and Mary Cockerline, husband and wife as tenants in the entirety of 1 Plum St., the land and buidlings situated on the Southerly side of Plum St., containing 18,600 sq. '.
Dec 19 1979	2400/695	Hudlund to Hezlitt	Walter Hudlund, III aka Walter Hudlund and Eleanor N. Hudlund, husband and wife of Chelmsford to Judith M. and Robert P. Hezlitt, Sr., as joint tenants with the right of survivorship the land and buildings situated on the southerly side of Plum street, containing 18,600 sq. '.
Dec 19 1974	2135/566	Heald to Hudlund	Esther L. Heald, formerly known as Esther L. Kidder of Chelmsford to Walter R. Hudlund, III and Eleanor N. Hedlund, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety the land and buildings situated on the southerly side of Plum street containing 18,600 sq. '.
Mar 31 1950	1136/428	Kidder to Kidder	Cora Kidder, widow, being unmarried to myself Cora Kidder and Esther L. Kidder, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, both of Chelmsford the land and the buildings situated on the southerly side of Plum Street containing 18,600 sq. '. Cora Kidder is mother to Esther L. Kidder.
May 16 1946	1043/369	Nickles to Kidder	Clarence G. and Elia M. Nickles, husband and wife, of Chelmsford to Cora Kidder, of Chelmsford, the land and buildings situated on the southerly side of Plum Street , containing 18,600 sq. ' on PB 60/20.
Apr 27 1932	823/526	Macauley to Nickles	Rose E. Macauley, unmarried of Lowell, to Clarence G. and Ella M. Nickles, husband and wife of Chelmsford, three lots of land with the buildings, first: A certain tract of land situated in Chelmsford and southerly from the road leading from Chelmsford Center to Billerica known as Billerica Road and described as: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the premisis at a stake located at the northeasterly corner of Lot 26 and Plum Street, on PB 5/19; thence running southerly along Lot 26, 380 ft. to the center of Beaver Brook; thence running easterly in the center of the brook and land of, or formerly of William Balsler to within 25 feet of land formerly belonging to Hildreth; thence running northerly 25 feet along Hildreth land and land formerly of Donohoe to a stake being 32 feet southerly from land belonging to Allen; thence running westerly 32 feet to beginning point. Containing 3 acres.

**1 Plum Street
Taxes**

YEAR	DIST	PG	LINE	NAME	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	LAND	SIZE	VALUE
1932	5	19	1	Nickles, Clarence G. lives Littleton St.					
			5		Dwelling; Rose lives in house	1000	Fletcher Lot, Plum St.	3A	250
					Garage	125.00			
1931	5	9	3	W.W. Balseer, Will. W. Hwirs- Plum st. set to Nickles	Dwelling	550	Fletcher Lot, Plum St.	3A	250
					Garage	50.00			
					2 Hen Houses	50			

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Resident List

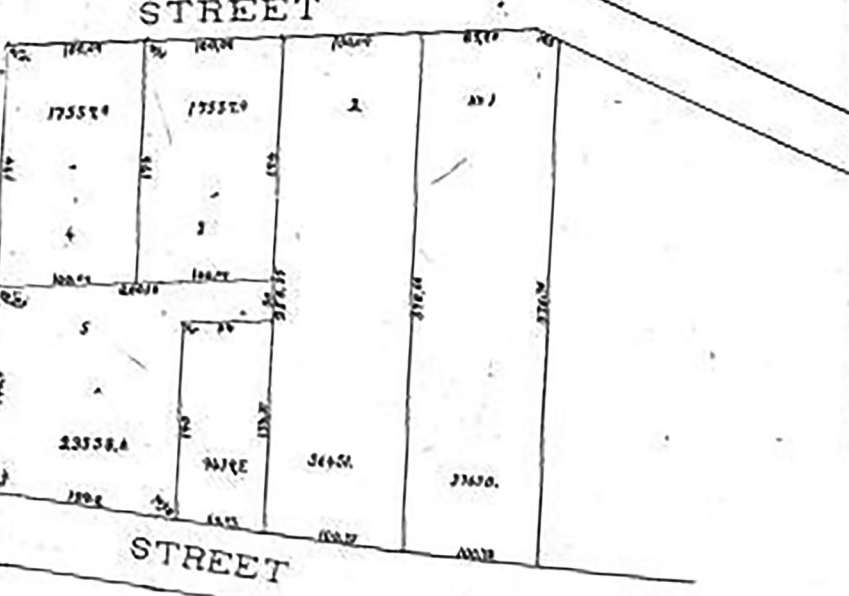
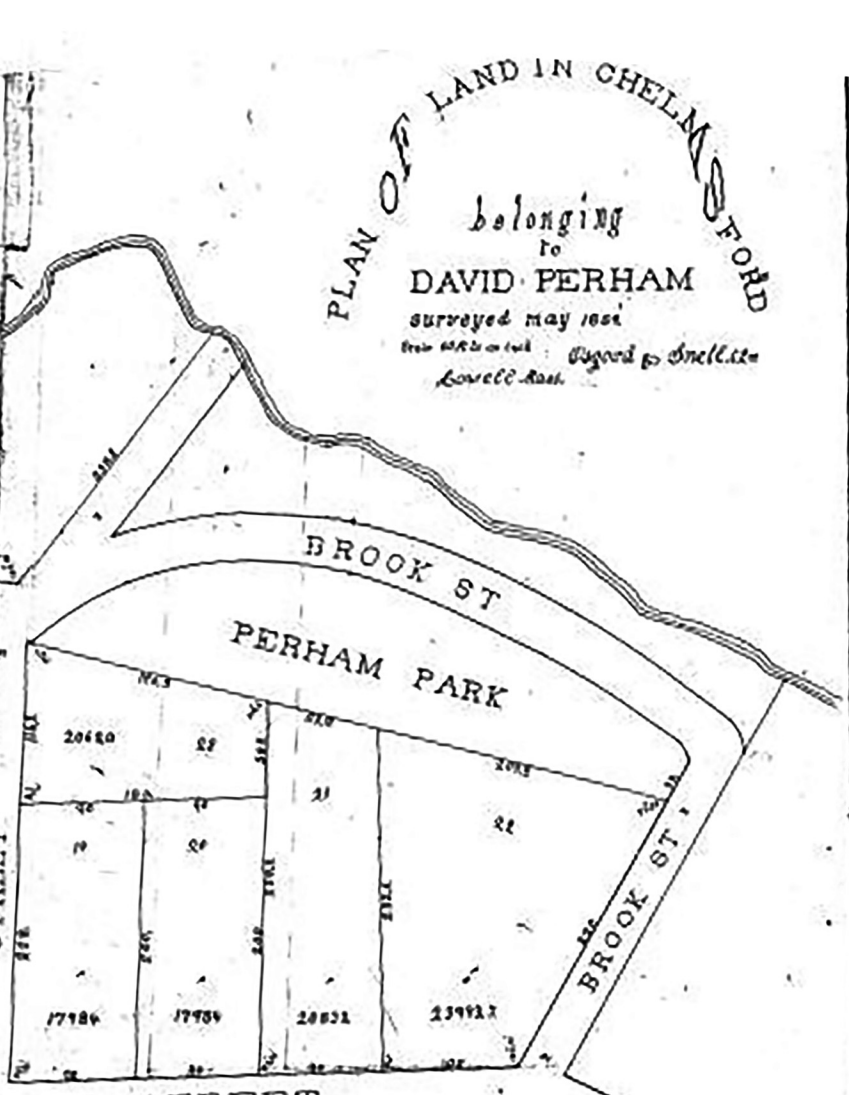
YEAR	PG	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	NOTES
1967	112	Heald	Roland	1909	salesman	1968 same address
			Esther L.	1918	Ins. Office	same
1966	18		Roland	1909	salesman	same
			Esther L.	1918	Ins. Office	same
1963	137		Esther L.	1918	Ins. Office	same
			Roland	1909	salesman	same
1961	39		Esther L.	1918	Ins Office	
			Roland	1919	salesman	
1960	45		Esther L.	6/1/1918	Ins. Office	
			Roland	2/24/09	salesman	
1959			Esther L.	6/1/18	Ins. Office	
			Roland	2/24/09	salesman	
1958	27		Esther L.	39	Ins. Office	
	24		Roland	51	salesman	
1957	25		Esther L.	38	office worker	
	24		Roland	50	salesman	
1956	24		Esther L.	37	office worker	
	22		Roland	49	salesman	
1955	25		Esther L.	36	ins. office worker	
	21		Roland	44	salesman	
1954	22		Esther L.	35	ins. Office	
	21		Roland	43	salesman	
1953	22		Esther L.	34	office worker	
	20		Roland	55	salesman	
1952	22		Esther L.	33	ins office worker	
	21		Roland		salesamn	Conn.
1951	26	Kidder	Esther	32	ins. Office	
			Cora	71	housewife	same address 1950
1950	24		Cora M.	70	housewife	
			Esther L.	31	Secretary	
1949	23		Cora M.	69	housewife	
			Esther L.	30	Secretary	
1948			Cora M.	69	housekeeper	Elm St.
			Esther L.	29	Secretary	26 Chelmsford

PLAN OF LAND IN CHELMSFORD

belonging
to
DAVID PERHAM

surveyed May 1851

by Wm. B. Smith & Co. Surveyors
Lowell Mass.



BILLERICA

STREET



1 Plum Street, 5 March 2021, both by Fred Merriam

