

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

20/74/9	Lowell		305
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Town Chelmsford

Place (neighborhood or village)

North Chelmsford

Address 201 Princeton St.

Historic Name Gorman House

Uses: Present residence: 2 family

Original residence

Date of Construction 1852

Source tax records

Style/Form

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite

Wall/Trim vinyl siding 1981

Roof ridge: gables on sides

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures  
 none

Major Alterations (with dates)  
 front porch removed: late 1960s  
 rear addition: ca early 1970s  
 breezeway added: connecting to barn  
 2<sup>nd</sup> rear addition: 1990

Condition good

Moved  no  yes Date

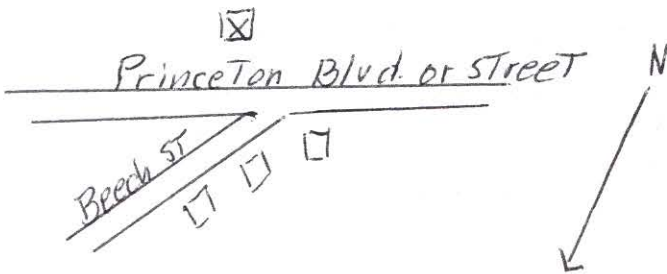
Acreage 1 acre

Setting house faces junction of Princeton St. & Beech St. An unpaved driveway starts on left edge of property from road, curves right to in front of "new barn" and beside original house. The area left of the building is relatively open; a modern, large development of condominiums is in next lot. A commercial building is to the right of the property.



## 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) January 2007

## BUILDING FORM

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

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

Main house at 201 Princeton Street: 3 x 2 bays, and the ridge roof has side gables. An ell extends out from the right side.

### 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.*

In September 1851 a local woman, Catherine McEnany, purchased the property on which the residence at 201 Princeton Street was soon erected. By the spring of 1853 the house was built and Catherine had married Phillip Gorman. Both had been born in Ireland. Phillip worked as a moulder, probably in the nearby local mill. For about 40 years, until about 1900, the road on which the house stands was called Gorman Road. Phillip and Catherine Gorman had six children, Mary Ann, John T., Bernard O. (who died 1861, age 4), Catherine Frances, Ellen (who died April 1862, age 7 months), and Eleanor J. Phillip died of inflammatory rheumatism in March 1862, a month before Eleanor was born and Ellen died. Phillip and his two children were buried in Lowell. The widow Catherine remained in the house for several years. After the marriage of her daughter Mary Ann to Edward Fallon, the young couple also lived in the house. About 1898 Catherine Gorman boarded in a nearby house before she and her daughter Catherine Frances moved to Lowell and sold the house on Gorman Road to Mary Ann and Edward Fallon.

Edward Fallon's occupation was that of a sarsaparilla mixer and later a foreman, before becoming a school janitor for many years. The Fallons had eight children born to them, Owen P., Frederick E., Joseph T., Walter J., Henry F., George B., Mary E., Margaret Ann, and Alfred Gorman. However, only five or six of them grew up in the house, as two of them, Walter and Henry died at age 6 and 5 days respectively. Owen became a street car conductor, Fred an electrician, and Joseph a "moth worker" before becoming a street car conductor. In 1919 Joseph served in the U.S. Army, and may not have returned to Chelmsford. George was a mill operator before moving to Webster. Ten years later he had returned to North Chelmsford, where he lived with his wife, Mae, before moving to Lawrence. Mary E. was a mill worker before working as a saleslady before her marriage. Margaret Ann was also a mill employee. Nothing is known about the youngest Fallon child, Alfred, except his birth in 1898. The children's father, Edward Fallon, died at age 86 in 1939 of an intestinal obstruction. His widow, Mary Ann (Gorman) Fallon, remained in the house with their son Owen until her own death in 1940. Owen moved to Westford and the property was sold in 1943, ending 81 years of Gorman/Fallon ownership.

In 1945 Henry & Marie Colwell purchased the property and moved here from Lowell. He was a painter. They did not remain here long, however, as they sold it in Nov. 1946 to Violet Rasseas, who soon married David Angus, and they remained in the house for almost 10 years, before selling a half interest to Lillian Cleary. Lillian Cleary and her husband Frank had been already living with the Anguses. John and Carole Conrad also resided in the house for a few years at this time. In 1962 Lillian Cleary sold the property to John Heslin, a commercial pilot, and his wife Shirley. They stayed here until 1967, two years after selling the property to Fred Huntington. It remains in that family to the present day (2006). Fred Huntington was a builder, and his wife, Margaret, a nurse.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Chelmsford tax records; vital records; Assessors records  
Building Inspector's records  
Chelmsford street directories  
Mrs. Nancy Williams: April 13, 1997; Nov. 20, 2006

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*



# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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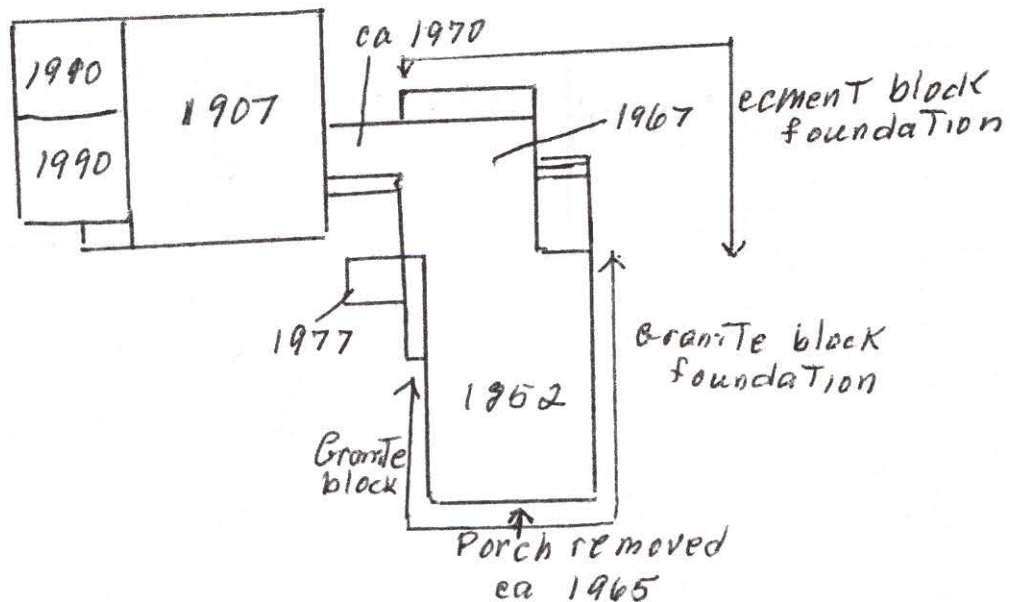
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## ALTERATIONS

- 1907 barn erected
- unknown addition: right side, just in back of main house
- 1965 ca big porch across front of main house removed
- 1967 permit Major renovations were made by present owner's step-father, Fred Huntington. Took ca 10 years  
bedroom added; 1 story, 23x24; asphalt shingles at rear end of house.  
granite steps at rear removed
- ca 1970 breezeway added; connects barn to addition - by Glenn Olson
- 1970-71 Asses. interior completely renovated  
23x25 addition & enclosed frame porch, false front
- 1977 ca stoop added to porch on left side. Granite for step came from Lloyd Greene
- 1981 siding put on
- 1989/90 permit 1 story wood addition to larger building; concrete foundation; asphalt roof; storage/garage;  
740 sq. ft. Was on left side of barn, according to plan.  
proposed addition 20'x20'  
proposed carport 20'x16'
- 1990/91 permit storage/garage addition to barn - by Glenn Olson
- 2006, summer replacement windows installed





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*Right side*



*Left side*



*Barn*

*Left side - Rear*



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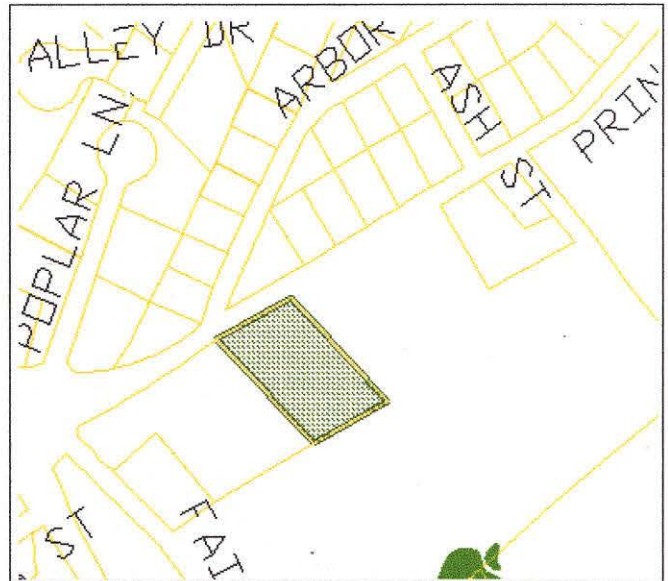
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## Locational Information



201 Princeton Street viewed from local.live.com



201 Princeton Street from Town Assessor Map



Topozone excerpt from Lowell USGS quadrangle.

Decimal coordinates as provided by Topozone: 42°37'52" N 71°22'23" W



Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds  
201 Princeton Street

Bk. 5389, pg. 153	09/20/1990	Margaret H. Illes, f/k/a Margaret H. Huntington, Vero Beach, Florida to Margaret H. Illes, 1200 Galleon Lane, Castaway Cove, Vero Beach \$1 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard
Bk. 2422, pg. 453	05/29/453	Louise Haring, Hackensack, N.J. to Margaret H. Huntington 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard
Bk. 1725, pg. 14	11/08/1965	Fred C. Huntington to Louise Haring, Hackensack, New Jersey consideration paid 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard, formerly Gorman Rd.
Bk. 1689, pg. 313	03/24/1955	Jon L. & Shirley A. Heslin to Fred C. Huntington 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard, formerly Gorman Road
Bk. 1577, pg. 499	10/22/1962	Lillian H. Cleary to Jon L. & Shirley A. Heslin consideration paid 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard, formerly Gorman Road
Bk. 1294, pg. 458	05/24/1955	Violet Rasseas Angus, formerly Violet Rasseas, to Violet Rasseas Angus & Lillian H. Cleary no monetary consideration paid 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard, formerly Gorman Road
Bk. 1057, pg. 137	11/18/1946	Henry L. & Marie B. Colwell to Violet Rasseas consideration paid 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard, formerly Gorman Road
Bk. 1026, pg. 222	07/07/1945	Santa Giuffrida, Lawrence, unmarried, to Henry L. & Marie B. Colwell, Lowell consideration paid 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard, formerly Gorman Road
Bk. 998, pg. 577	09/27/1943	Owen P. Fallon, unmarried, Westford, Joseph T. Fallon, Chelmsford, Mary E. Sullivan, East Pepperell, Fred E. Fallon, Dearborn, Michigan, George B. Fallon, Andover to Santa Giuffrida, Lawrence consideration paid 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard, formerly Gorman Road
Middlesex Probate Docket #241175	1941	Estate of Mary A. Fallon, res. Chelmsford
Bk. 778, pg. 468	07/13/1929	George B. Fallon to Edward & Mary A. Fallon consideration paid 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard, formerly Gorman Road
Bk. 731, pg. 359	11/24/1925	Mary A. Fallon, unmarried, Mary E. Sullivan, Pepperell, Joseph T. Fallon, Fred E. Fallon, to George B. Fallon, Dracut 1 A. & buildings, south side Princeton Boulevard, formerly Gorman Road

Bk. 314, Pg. 151

11/29/1899

Catherine Gorman, Catherine F. Gorman, Lowell to  
Mary A. Fallon, life tenant  
\$1 & other valuable considerations  
1 A. & buildings, south side Gorman Road

North: Bk. 18, pg. 302

09/05/1851

Francis Richardson, yeoman, to  
Catherine McEnany, single woman  
\$36  
2 A. land









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11/24/2006 F. Merriam





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