

FORM B – BUILDING

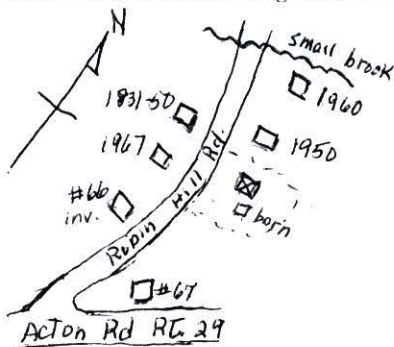
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 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



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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) September 2007

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

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Town Chelmsford

Place (neighborhood or village)

South Chelmsford

Address 187 Robin Hill Road

Historic Name Osgood/Isaiah B. Spaulding House

Uses: Present 1 family residence

Original 1 family residence

Date of Construction 1842

Source Middlesex So. District Reg. Deeds, Bk. 15, pg. 64
 03/17/ 1841; Real Estate/Tax records

Style/Form Georgian

Architect/Builder 1st owner: Hannah Osgood

Exterior Material: shingles over clapboards

Foundation granite blocks (?)

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof ridge with side gables; asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Barn: 1 story with loft, old
 small shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

2005 front entry removed; renovated, see continuation
 sheet

Condition

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 1½ acres

Setting The house sits on an old rural road, surrounded in the immediate area by new houses, except for his son's house across the st. built in 1880. North (right) of the house is a large open area; the barn is also on right and just to the rear of the house; a paved drive leads up to the barn, between the house & barn. A low stone wall runs along the road along the open area & up to the barn. There is little to no yard on the left side. In woods about 70 feet in back is a small shed.

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: 5 x 1 bays; corner boards. Typical Georgian style house.

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 March 1842 Hannah Osgood, who was then unmarried, purchased land for a house lot at 187 Robin Hill Rd. from Jefferson & Elizabeth Loring. Her deed required that a fence be erected to enclose the lot. It is not fenced in 2007. The house was built the same year.

In Nov. 1849 Isaiah B. Spaulding purchased the dwelling and a ¼ acre of land, to which he soon added more adjoining land from Solomon Byam, who owned the house next door. The property remained under his ownership until his death on Oct. 25, 1896, 46½ years later. He had grown up at 263 Old Westford Road, but apparently at or near the time of his marriage on July 1, 1846 to Mary Ann Richardson of Townsend they were living in South Chelmsford somewhere. Two months later their first child, Ellen Adelaide, was born. Ellen, known as Nellie, never married but lived to age 81. Four more children joined the family, include Joel Orrin. In 1879-80 Orrin built and lived in a house across the street from his parents. Isaiah was a wheelwright, and in the basement of 187 Robin Hill Road there are wagon parts and telegraph pole propping up the first floor. The center pole for the stairs to the second floor, is reminiscent of a wagon axle.

On March 14, 1895 friends and later owners of the property, "Mr. Fred Bean and family of Lowell spent Sunday with Mr. I. B. Spaulding." A year and a half later, on Oct. 1896 Isaiah died, leaving the 1 acre homestead to his widow, surviving children Ellen, Orrin, and Rosamond Spaulding, & Martha Bean, grandson Edgar R. Parker and granddaughter Emma Parker George. Isaiah was a member of the So. Chelmsford Baptist Church, and his estate also included a horse shed at that church. Martha's husband, Fred Bean, served as administrator of the estate. In 1902 Rosamond was deeded ownership. In 1915/16 she moved to her brother's house across the street and became his housekeeper. She sold 187 Robin Hill Rd. to her sister Martha & Fred Bean, who came from Lowell and moved in with Ellen.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Middlesex So. District Reg. Deeds, Bk. 15, pg. 64; Middlesex Probate Docket #43666 Isaiah Spaulding
Assessors' records; Building Inspector's records
Real estate and tax records; vital records
Fred Merriam, May 8, 2006
Maps/Atlases: 1856, 1875, 1889
Lowell Daily Courier: March 14, 1895
Chelmsford Street Directories
Dan Lewis, P.O. Box 4105, January 10, 2006, contractor

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

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History

Fred Bean died in 1921, but Martha remained at 187 Robin Hill Road with her sister Nellie (Ellen A.). In 1927 Nellie died, and Martha sold the property to Charles T. & Elizabeth Calder, ending 77 years of Spaulding ownership of the property. Charles Calder was a farmer; and Elizabeth M. kept house. They had at least one child, Roger, a mixer and later a milkman. Roger and his wife Constance resided in the house for several years with his parents. Charles had a heart attack and died Jan. 9, 1955. Two months later his widow moved to Proctor Rd. and sold the 187 Robin Hill property to Mark and Clara Burlmachi. Elizabeth Calder died 23 years later also of heart failure and is buried with her husband in the Heart Pond Cemetery in South Chelmsford.

Mark and Clara Burlmachi were living in Billerica when they purchased 187 Robin Hill Road from Elizabeth Calder. The house was empty since 2000, and it deteriorated. In 2005 the house was put on the market as a tear down. However, a friend of the Historical Commission saw it and decided to restore it. In 2007 it is in excellent condition.

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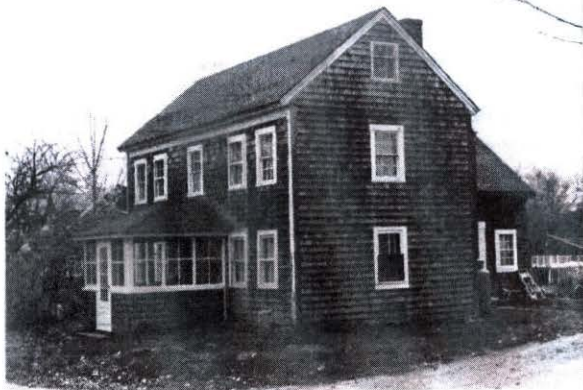
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Dec. 1973



OCT. 13, 2006



Feb. 7, 2006

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Early

29 x 17 ft/ addition to left rear of original house
brick hearth on front, left corner, opposite & newer than old fireplace in left room of original house.

Before 1977

small addition: behind rear wall of hall and right room

January 10, 2006

Dan Lewis, P.O. Box 4105, Chelmsford, MA contractor

1. To raise the roof on the rear ell to build a master bedroom and bath, 1/2 story
2. To replace windows with six over six panes.
3. To remove the front porch.

All requests were approved by Historical Commission

Additional comments from the contractor:

1. The house has white clapboards under the current cedar shingles.
2. The house has crown molding under the eaves.
3. The house has corner boards.
4. The floors will be refinished.
5. The contractor noticed some of the supports in the cellar look as if they were wagon parts, spare axles?
Fred Merriam, May 8, 2006: There were wagon parts and telegraph pole propping up the first floor. The center pole for the stairs to the second floor was reminiscent of a wagon axle.

Early December 2005

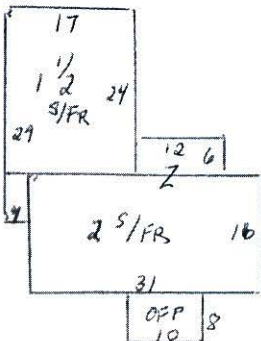
front "porch" removed

The front steps have been removed and the foundation has been exposed, there is a rough brick wall under the front door flanked on both sides by a large dressed piece of granite.

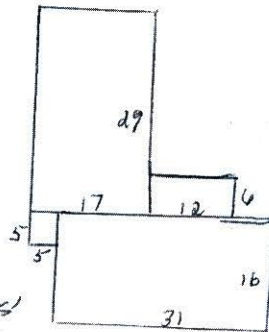
25 May 2006

The house still has arched fireplace hearths in basement.

There were 2 chimneys in the front, main house, one on each side, back wall. The fireplaces remain & match each other



July 20, 1977



Assessors
Records

July 1, 2007

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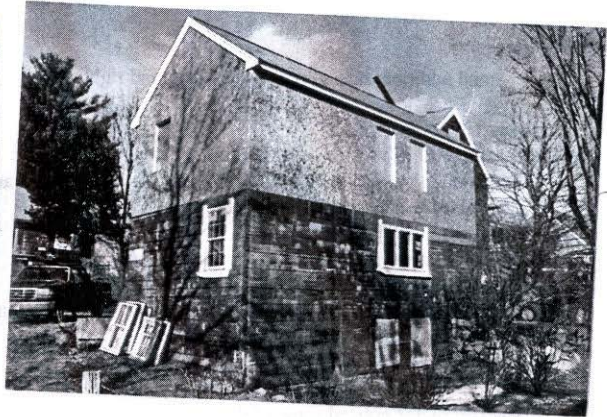
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Feb. 7, 2006



Oct. 13, 2006



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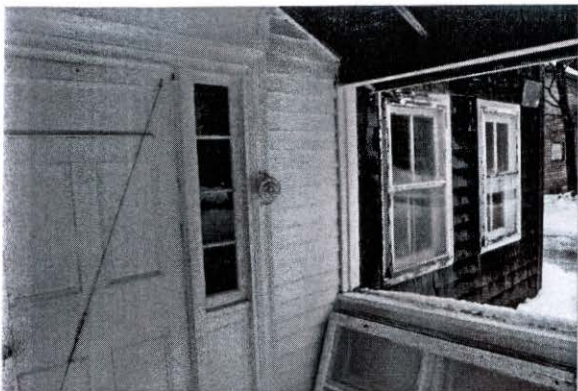
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April 9, 2005
Main House
(original)

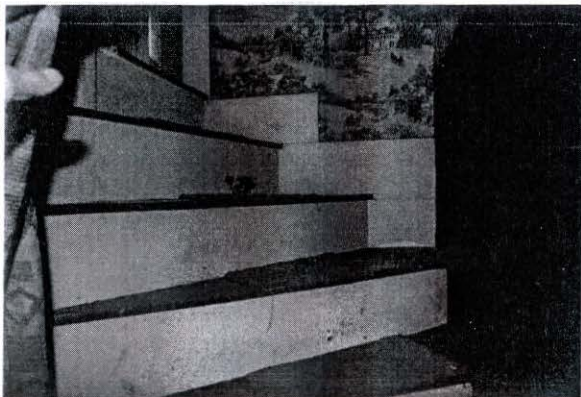


Outside



Front Entrance

inside



1st floor
North (right) room

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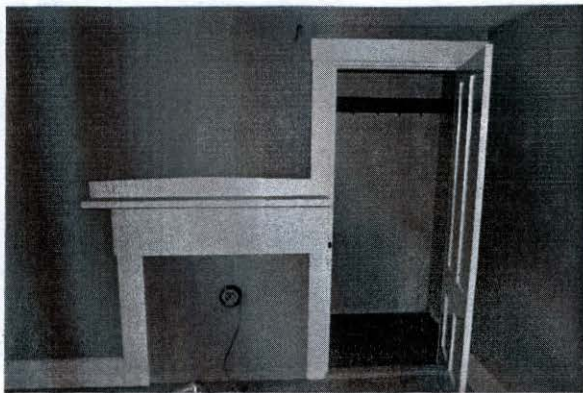
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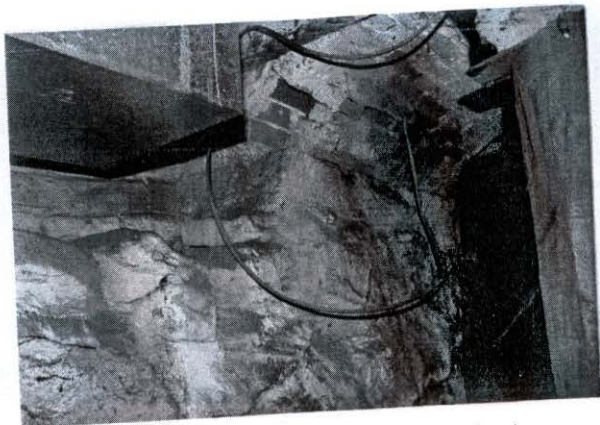
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April 9, 2005
Main House

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2nd Floor Right side



Cellar fireplace arch base

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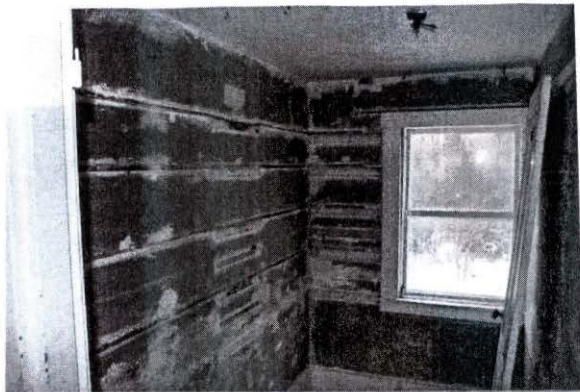
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April 9, 2005
Rear Addition (E11)



Kitchen B. Ellis So. Carver, Mass.
1st Floor



Pantry, its left, rear corner



Attic



Facing main house

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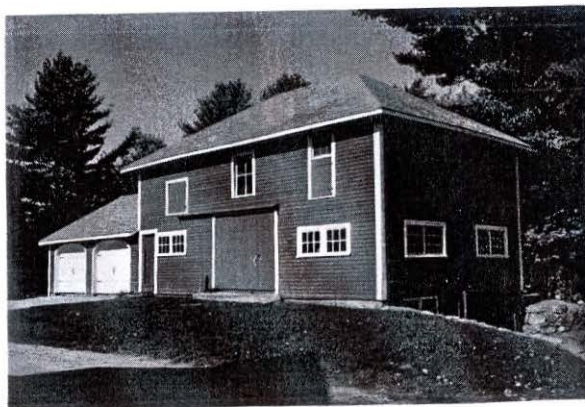
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Barn Right of House
(North)



Feb. 7, 2006



Oct. 13, 2006

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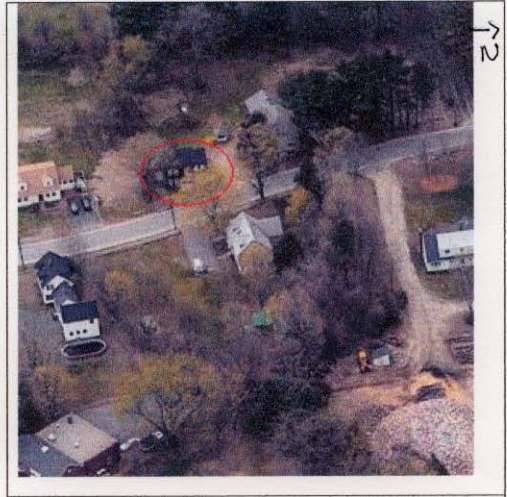
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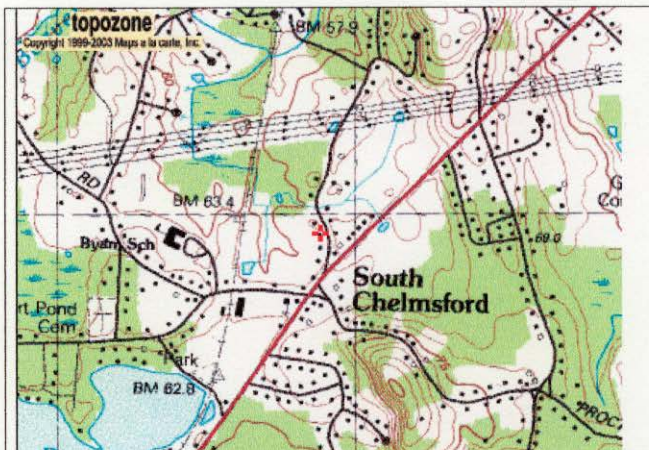
Locational Information



187 Robin Hill Rd. from GIS Map, Town Assessor's Data Base



187 Robin Hill Rd from Map.live.com



Topozone excerpt from Billerica USGS quadrangle.

Decimal coordinates as provided by Topozone: 42°34'23" N 71°22'38" W

187 Robin Hill Road
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

Bk. 19530, pg. 107	11/18/2005	Estate of Clara Burlmachi to Sunny Meadow Homes, Inc., P.O. Box 4105, Chelmsford 1.5 A. & buildings: on old road from So. Chelmsford to Chelmsford Centre same: 1955 Calder deed, Bk. 1288, pg. 79 Mark Burlmachi deceased Dec. 12, 1969 Clara Burlmachi deceased Feb. 23, 2005
Bk. 2018, pg. 509 L-53	07/12/1972 #195494	Estate of Mark L. Burlmachi Real estate certificate: no inheritance tax due
Bk. 1288, pg. 79	03/23/1955	Elizabeth M. Calder, widow, to Mark L. & Clara Burlmachi, Billerica 1½ A. & buildings: on old road from So. Chelmsford to Chelmsford Centre same: 1927 Bean deed, Bk. 754, pg. 509
Bk. 754, pg. 509	09/15/1927	Martha E. Bean, unmarried, to Elizabeth M. Calder 1½ A. & buildings: on old road from So. Chelmsford to Chelmsford Centre same: 1916 Spaulding deed, Bk. 565, pg. 272
Bk. 565, pg. 272	11/20/1916	L. Rosamond Spaulding to Martha E. Bean, Lowell 1½ A. & buildings: on old road from So. Chelmsford to Chelmsford Centre
Bk. 341, pg. 281	04/14/1902	Ellen A. Spaulding, Cambridge; Martha E. & Fred E. Bean, Lowell; Orrin J. & Helen M. Spaulding; Edgar E. Parker; Emma & David B. George, to L. Rosamond M. Spaulding 1½ A. & buildings: on old road from So. Chelmsford to Chelmsford Centre
Bk. 1288, pg. 148	03/18/1955 deposition	Grace H. Harris, formerly Grace M. Parker: Edgar R. Parker was unmarried on April 14, 1902
Probate Court Docket #43666	1896	Estate of Isaiah B. Spaulding to Mary A., widow, Ellen A., daughter, Orrin J. son, Rosamond A. Spaulding, daughter; Martha E. Bean, Lowell, daughter; Edgar R. Parker, grandson; Emma Parker George, granddaughter 1 A. homestead & buildings (plus more land)
Bk. 60, pg. 553	08/11/1849	W. Caleb & Mary Wright, Westford; Walter & Hannah Haynes, Townsend; Joseph J. & Emerline Judkins, Lowell; Major G. & Nancy Perkins, Lowell, to Isaiah B. Spaulding \$270 ¼ A. & dwelling house: on west side of old road same: 1841 Osgood deed, Bk. 414, pg. 176 Bk. & page does not have correct information

South: Bk. 15, pg. 64
South: Bk. 414, pg. 167
wrong #

09/13/1841

Jefferson Loring, yeoman, & wife Elizabeth Loring to
Hannah Osgood, single lady
\$71

21 sq. rods house lot: old road leading to middle of Chelmsford
Hannah to build fences to enclose lot.

Compiled 1972 by J. B. Drury, with 2005 & 6 additions



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