

# FORM B – BUILDING

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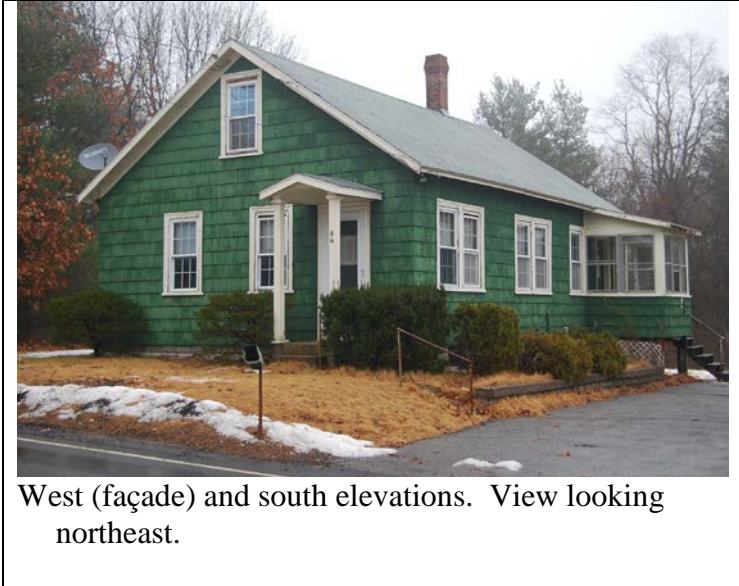
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 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

**Town/City:** Chelmsford

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*): West Chelmsford

## Photograph



West (façade) and south elevations. View looking northeast.

**Address:** 86 School Street

**Historic Name:** John J. and Daisy E. Boutillier House

**Uses:** Present: Single-family residence

Original: Single-family residence

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1930

**Source:** Assessor records

**Style/Form:** No style

**Architect/Builder:** Unknown

### Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, uncut; Concrete cinderblock

Wall/Trim: Wood shingle over wood clapboard / Wood trim

Roof: Asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** None

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): Wood shingles applied over clapboards (mid-20<sup>th</sup> C)

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** 0.93

**Setting:** Located on a wooded suburban street. Mid-20<sup>th</sup> C residential subdivision located south and east of house.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Stacy Spies, Historic Preservation Consultant

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# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

86 School Street is a 1 ½-story frame dwelling that rests on a fieldstone and rusticated concrete block foundation. On the north and west (façade) elevations, the fieldstone foundation is capped with a single row of rusticated concrete block; on the south elevation, four (or more) rows of rusticated concrete block were used. Three poured concrete steps with a pipe railing lead from the asphalt driveway to the front entrance.

The house is covered with grooved wood shingles over clapboards and measures 25 feet wide and 34 feet deep. The front-gabled roof has overhanging eaves; flushboards enclose the eaves. A slender brick chimney rises from the roof ridge. The façade contains two window bays and an entrance at the first floor; a single window is located in the gable peak. The entrance is sheltered by a front-gabled porch with an elliptical-arch ceiling constructed of beaded tongue-and-groove wood boards. Two slender, square-section, wood columns support the porch roof. Applied wood molding defines the column's plinth and capital details. The porch is constructed of poured concrete.

Windows throughout the house have narrow molded surrounds and vinyl replacement sash. Doors on the west and south elevations are identical paneled wood with a light in the top half with two rows of smaller rectangular panels and two rows of larger rectangular panels. (N.B. the doors are identical to those located at 20 Albina Street and 14 Parker Road.)

The south elevation contains two bays of paired windows, a single window bay, and an entrance at the east end that is sheltered by a shed-roof porch. The porch has overhanging eaves with exposed rafters and is enclosed with square-section wood posts and metal-frame storm windows. The porch measures 6 feet wide and 8 feet deep.

The east elevation contains a small square deck constructed of pressure-treated wood at the east elevation of the porch. The elevation contains two window bays at the first floor and a centered window in the gable peak. A front-gabled enclosure shelters the basement entrance. The entrance contains a nine-light paneled wood door. The north elevation contains four window bays, one of which has been replaced with a small hopper window.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*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.*

86 School Street was likely constructed for John and Daisy Boutillier circa 1930. In 1923, John and Daisy Boutillier of Lowell purchased six acres on School Street in Chelmsford.<sup>1</sup> The property, which extended southeast to include land along present-day Percheron Road, did include an unspecified number of buildings. There is no mention of a house in the deed.

John Boutillier (1885-1940)<sup>2</sup> was born in Canada. He and his wife, Daisy (1888-1970), lived here with their five children. In 1925, John Boutillier worked as a "gas light inspector."<sup>3</sup> At the time of the 1930 census, John Boutillier worked as a school janitor at the nearby Quessy School, a job he held until his death. Daisy Boutillier and their daughter, Olga, continued to live in the house after John Boutillier's death in 1940.

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex North Deed Book 692, p. 268.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/114059997/person/370125595184/facts>.

<sup>3</sup> Henry M. Meek, *The Lowell Suburban Directory of Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro and Westford.* Salem, Mass. 1925-1926. <https://archive.org/details/lowellsuburbandi1925henr/page/178>.

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In 1944, the property was sold to William J. and Dorothy P. O'Connell of Lowell.<sup>4</sup> William O'Connell died shortly thereafter and Dorothy O'Connell sold the property in 1950 to John and Norma Donovan.<sup>5</sup> John Donovan (1925-1999) worked as a machinist, rising to the status of foreman. Norma Donovan (1925-1999) was listed as a housewife in voter registries of the time.<sup>6</sup> Approximately five acres of the property was sold in 1967 for the residential development along Percheron Road.<sup>7</sup> The Donovan estate sold the property in 2018.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



Entrance detail.

<sup>4</sup> Middlesex North Deed Book 1013, p. 438.

<sup>5</sup> Middlesex North Deed Book 1152, pp. 64 and 65.

<sup>6</sup> United States Social Security Death Index. 1935-2014. Ancestry.com.

<sup>7</sup> Middlesex North Deed Book 1791, p. 405.



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Door (typical west and south elevations.)



Detail, clapboard under grooved wood shingles.

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East elevation. Note: foundation is entirely rubble stone at this elevation.



West and north elevations. Note single row of rusticated concrete block at foundation at north elevation.