

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Town/City: Chelmsford

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

Photograph



View looking northeast. Façade (west) and south elevations

Address: 24 Second Lane

Historic Name: David A. Byam House

Uses: Present: Vacant

Original: Secondary Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1950

Source: Assessor

Style/Form: No style

Architect/Builder: Not determined

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Not visible (Plywood attached to area)

Wall/Trim: Wood shingles and trim

Roof: Asphalt shingles and rolled composition roofing

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Shed (partially-visible, collapsed); large stone fireplace

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

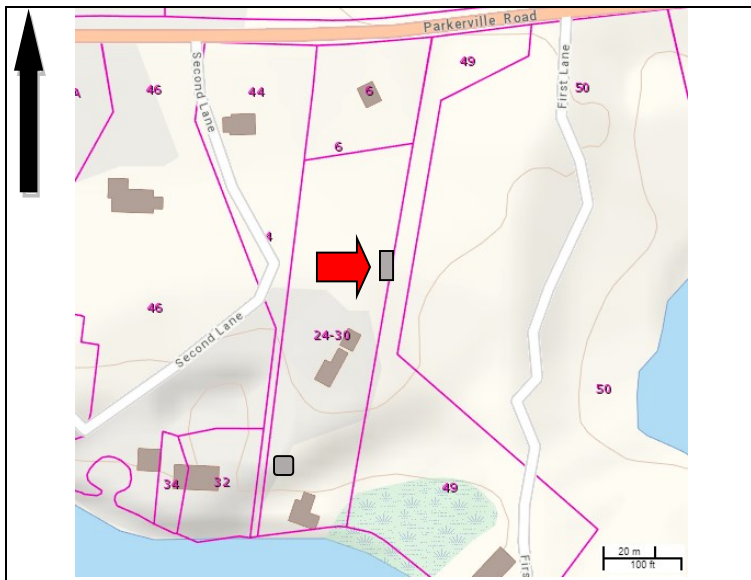
Condition: Poor

Moved: no yes Date:

Acreage: 1.45

Setting: Located on a heavily wooded narrow drive at the edge of Hart Pond, the house is one of three small cottages that share the long, narrow lot with a small house. The lot is flat at its north end and slopes dramatically downward near the shore. Surrounding dwellings consist of older, camp-style cottages and newer, year-round dwellings.

Locus Map



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

24 Second Lane is a small cottage located at the north end of the property amid mature pines. A walkway of multicolored slate slabs and salvaged marble slabs leads from the gravel driveway to the front door. The rectangular-plan main block has a smaller, rectangular ell attached to the northeast corner. The 1-story building is covered with wood shingles with cornerboards. The shallow, side-gabled roof has deep, overhanging eaves caps with exposed rafters enclosed with a simple fascia board. An off-center interior stone chimney pierces the roof near the ridge.

The main block facade (west elevation) contains a centered wood door with horizontal panels and a light in the top half and a metal storm door. A shed-roof projection supported by a braced 2x4 extends from the roofline to shelter the doorway. The pair of sash windows located in the north end of the façade contain two horizontal lights in the top half and a single light in the lower half. Two smaller windows located in the south end of the façade contain 3/3 wood sash windows. A single 1/1 sash window is located in the south elevation. Windows throughout the building have wide, flat surrounds.

The east (rear) elevation contains two 6/1 wood sash windows, a pair of casement windows, and a paneled wood door with four lights in the top half and a metal storm door.

The ell has a similar shallow gable roof, wood shingles and cornerboards. A metal stovepipe pierces the roof ridge at its south end. 1/1 sash windows are located in the ell: one in the south elevation; two in the east elevation; and one in the west elevation.

A partially-collapsed shed is located at the north end of the house. The shed-roof building is covered with wood shingles and had a door in the west elevation.

A large fireplace constructed of fieldstone is located southwest of the cottage and adjacent to the gravel parking area.

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.

24-30 Second Lane was part originally part of a much larger, 16-acre parcel that was owned by the branch of the Byam family descended from Frank C. Byam (1848-1933).¹ Frank C. Byam was a farmer and the stationmaster at the South Chelmsford railroad station and lived at 19 Maple Road (also known as Red Wing Farm). In 1920, Frank C. Byam sold the 16-acre property to his daughter, Lucy, and her husband, Ray.² Lucy H. Byam had married a member of another branch of the Byam family, Ray S. Byam, in 1907.

In 1932, Lucy H. Byam Byam and her husband, Ray S. Byam, sold the 24-30 Second Lane lot to Ray's brother, Arnold A. Byam.³ Arnold A. Byam, Sr. (1882-1950)⁴ and his second wife, Amelia Marinel Byam (1890-1961), had 26 Second Lane constructed in 1932 as a summer residence; their primary residence was in Lowell. Arnold A. Byam, Sr. worked as a local

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Arnold A. and Amelia Byam had seven children. After their parents' deaths, the property was owned by three of the children, Paul Byam (1917-1984),⁶ David Byam (1930-2008), and Amelia Byam (1924-1992). The 1956 Lowell city directory lists Amelia B. Byam as president of the Byam Brothers Agency with her residence at Second Lane. Her brother, Arnold Byam, Jr., served as company treasurer. Brother Robert Byam served as vice-president.

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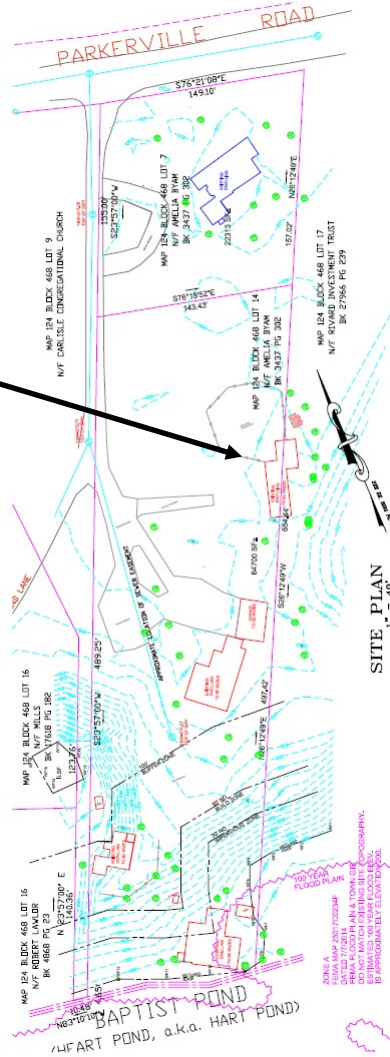
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View looking north. South and east elevations of main block.



View looking northwest. Door and window at north end of east elevation. Ell at right.



Ell. View looking southwest. East and north elevations



Fireplace. View looking northeast.

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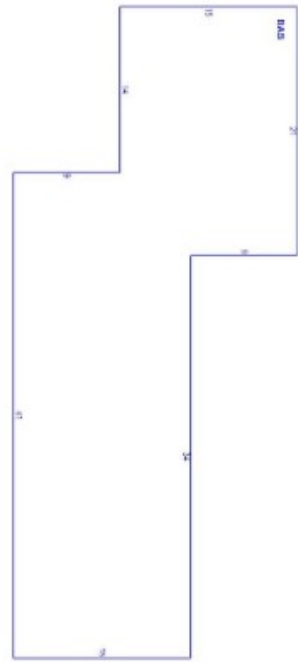
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Detail. Main entrance.



Building footprint per Town Assessor. 888 square feet.



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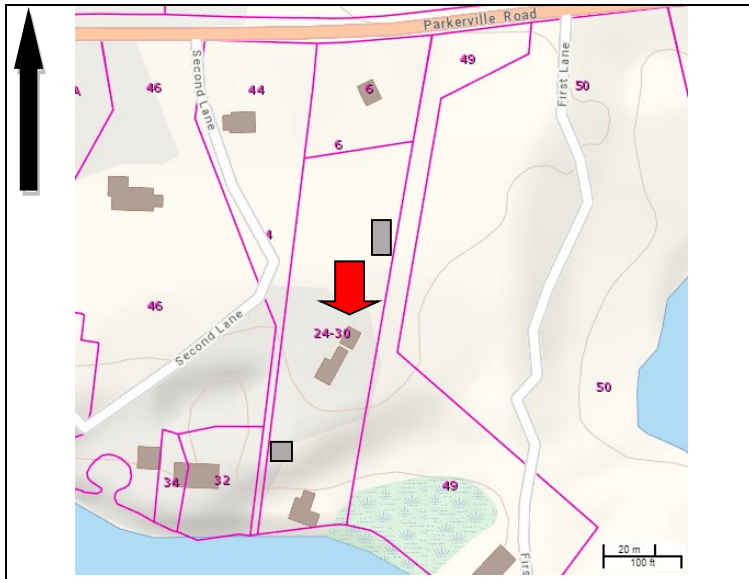
Place: (*neighborhood or village*): South Chelmsford

Photograph



View looking southeast. Façade (west) elevation.

Locus Map



Address: 26 Second Lane

Historic Name: Arnold A. and Amelia M. Byam House

Uses: Present: Single-family dwelling

Original: Secondary Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1932

Source: Assessor

Style/Form: No style

Architect/Builder: Not determined

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Not visible (Plywood attached to area)

Wall/Trim: Wood shingles and trim

Roof: Asphalt shingles and rolled composition roofing

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Shed (former garage) (1938); garage (1970s?)

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Enclosed porch (mid-20th C)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes Date:

Acreage:

Setting: Located on a heavily wooded narrow drive at the edge of Hart Pond, the house is surrounded by three small cottages that share the long, narrow lot. The lot is flat at its north end and slopes dramatically down to the shoreline. Surrounding dwellings consist of older, camp-style cottages and newer, year-round dwellings.

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26 Second Lane is two-story frame dwelling located at the mid-point of the lot amid mature pines and a small lawn area surrounding the house. An asphalt-paved driveway leads to the garage and shed that extend from the house's north elevation. The building faces west toward Second Lane. The house consists of a two-story main block with an enclosed 1-story porch along the façade and a one-story ell attached to the north elevation of the main block.

The main block has a shallow, side-gabled roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafters. The second floor of the three-bay facade (west elevation) contains two 6/1 wood sash windows and a pair of 6/1 windows at the south end. A slender brick exterior chimney is located between the two north windows. The enclosed 1-story porch contains two pairs of large 6/1 wood sash windows, a single 6/1 window at the southwest corner, and a wood door containing horizontal panels and a light in the top half. A short run of poured concrete steps with wrought iron railings leads to the front door. The north elevation contains two single 6/1 wood sash windows at the second floor.

The south elevation appears to have originally contained an undercut porch along the width of the building's first floor. The porch was enclosed with two tripartite, wood-frame picture windows that flank a large sliding glass door (ca. 1970s). The tripartite windows feature a large, square, fixed light flanked by 6/1 wood sash windows. The second floor contains two pairs of 6/1 wood sash windows. The east elevation of the main block contains at its south end the undercut porch at the first floor, which has been enclosed with three 6/1 wood sash windows. An additional single window is located at the first floor. A pair of windows and two single windows are located at the second floor of the east elevation. The remaining windows on this elevation are also 6/1 wood sash.

The shed-roof ell at the north elevation has overhanging eaves with exposed rafters. A slender, square-section interior chimney pierces the roof. The ell's north elevation contains a paneled wood door with nine small lights in the top half and a 6/1 wood sash window. The ell's west elevation contains a fixed window containing six lights in the north end and a tripartite picture window similar to elsewhere in the house. The ell's east elevation contains a smaller version of the tripartite windows used elsewhere and a small 6/1 wood sash window.

Two garages are located adjacent to the north house elevation; a shallow projecting roof connects the house ell and the south garage. The original (north) garage (ca. 1938) has a shed roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafters capped with a flat fascia board. The garage is covered with wood shingles. Double-leaf, side-hinged doors constructed of vertical boards fill the west façade. Salvaged 3-light fixed windows (typically used for basement windows) are set into each of the doors. A single 6-light, wood frame window with a flat wood surround is centered in the east elevation.

The second garage (ca. 1970s?) contains two bays with paneled wood overhead doors containing a row of fixed lights. The shed roof has overhanging eaves and exposed rafter tails capped with a flat fascia board. The garage is covered with wood shingles. A single 20-light, wood frame window with a flat wood surround is centered in the east elevation. A 12-light, wood frame window with a flat surround is centered in the south elevation.

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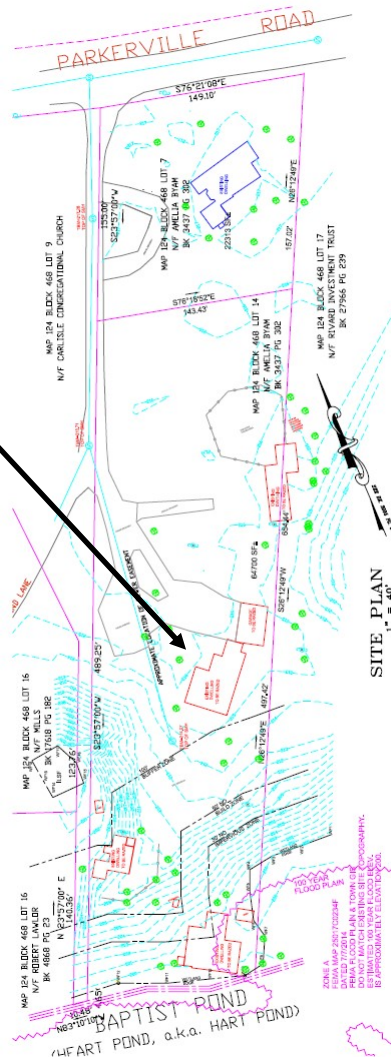
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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View looking southeast. West facade.



Detail. Entrance. West façade.



View looking northeast. South elevation.



View looking north. East elevation of house. South elevation of garage at right.

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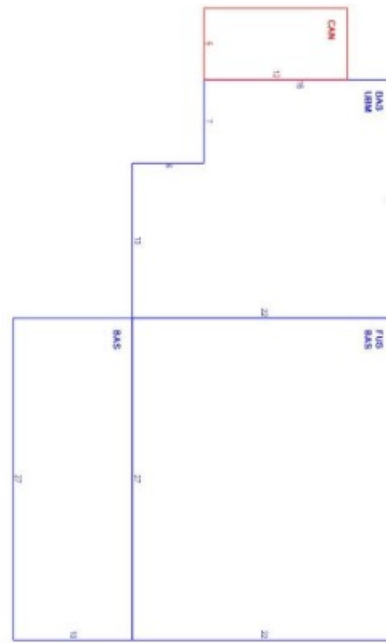
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Garages. View looking east.



Building Layout



Building footprint per town assessor. 1,262 square feet.

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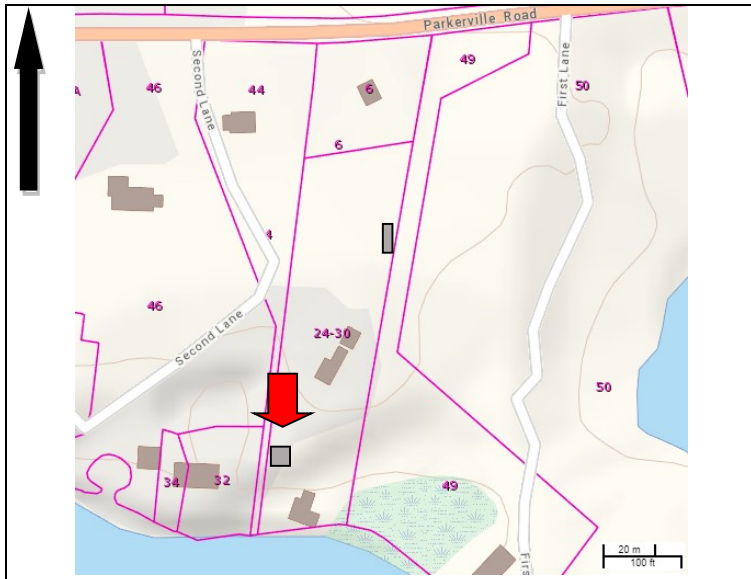
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Photograph



Photo 1. View looking northeast. Façade (south) elevation of main block. Corner ell at left.

Locus Map



Address: 28 Second Lane

Historic Name: Byam House

Uses: Present: Vacant

Original: Secondary Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1940

Source: Assessor

Style/Form: No style

Architect/Builder: Not determined

Exterior Material:

Foundation: not visible (poured concrete?); concrete block

Wall/Trim: Wood shingles and trim; plywood

Roof: Asphalt shingles and rolled composition roofing

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: none

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Several very small extensions on all elevations; vinyl frame windows (early 20th C); plywood sheathing.

Condition: Poor

Moved: no yes Date:

Acreage:

Setting: Located on a heavily wooded narrow drive at the edge of Hart Pond, the house is one of three small cottages that share the long, narrow lot with the larger cottage (#26). The lot is flat at its north end and slopes dramatically down to the shoreline. Surrounding dwellings consist of older, camp-style cottages and newer, year-round dwellings.

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28 Second Lane is one-story frame cottage located at the southwest corner of the lot amid mature pines. At this corner of the lot, the site drops dramatically downward; this cottage is banked into this slope with a full-height exposed foundation along the west elevation. From the paved parking area near 26 Second Lane, a dirt path leads to this cottage. The house consists of a main block with a gable roof that runs north-south and a series of very small additions attached to all elevations. A low, curved stone wall is located near the south and east elevations, creating a terrace effect.

The cottage appears to have been originally constructed as a small gable-front cottage with a shed-roof addition at the east elevation. The roof has exposed overhanging eaves with rafter tails capped with a flat fascia board. Two pairs of original 6/1 wood sash windows with wide, flat surrounds remain on the south elevation. One other original window remains in the north (rear) elevation. An exterior chimney is located at the east elevation. The chimney is constructed of fieldstone from the ground to the roofline and is constructed of flat, stacked stone from the roofline to the terra cotta cap.

Over time, small extensions were added to the west elevation: a rectangular ell attached to the southwest corner of the house; a small extension at the midpoint of the west elevation; the door at the northeast corner was enclosed with a small porch at some point; and, in the recent past (post-dating the assessor's floor plans), a very small projection was added to the north end of the east elevation. Plywood was used to sheath the house in this most recent alteration.

Other than the three original windows mentioned above, varying types of windows were used in the extensions and as replacement fenestration. Small, rectangular, vinyl-frame sliding windows are located on several elevations. Casement windows are located on the south elevation of the southwest corner ell. Two very small fixed-light rectangular windows are located on the west elevation of the southwest corner ell. A replacement metal, full-light door was installed in the south entrance in the late 20th C.

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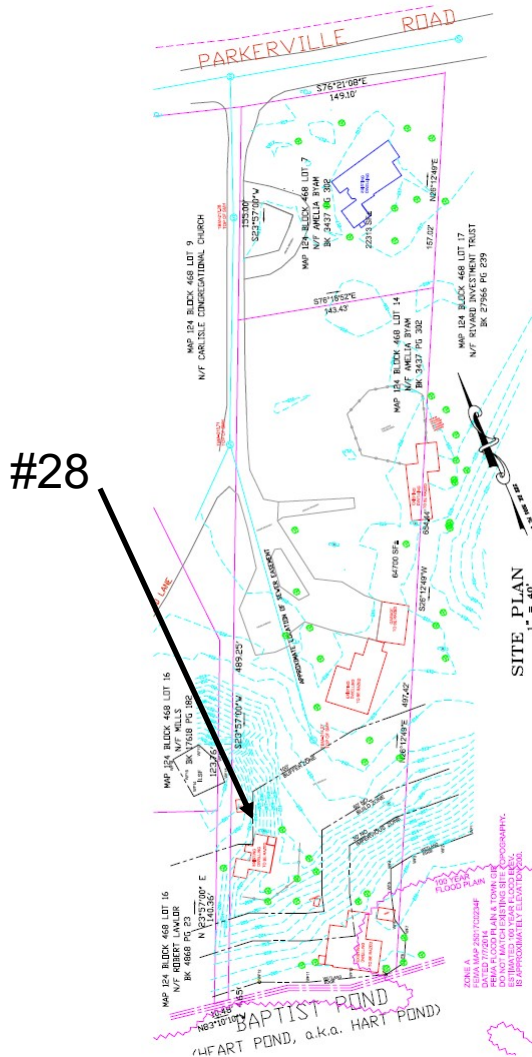
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View looking north. West façade and east elevation.



View looking northwest. East elevation.



View looking west. North elevation.



Detail. Recessed entrance at northeast corner of house.

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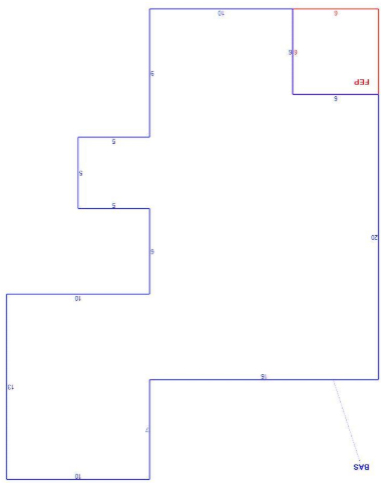
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West elevation. View looking southeast.



Corner ell at southwest corner of house. View looking east.



Building Layout

Building footprint per town assessor. 535 square feet.



FORM B – BUILDING

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

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124/468/14	Westford, MA		
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Town/City: Chelmsford

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

Photograph



View looking south toward rear elevation of cottage and Hart Pond beyond. Well at right. Shed partially visible at left.

Address: 30 Second Lane

Historic Name: Byam House

Uses: Present: Vacant

Original: Secondary Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1938

Source: Assessor

Style/Form: No style

Architect/Builder: Not determined

Exterior Material:

Foundation: not visible (poured concrete?); concrete block

Wall/Trim: Wood shingles and trim; plywood

Roof: Asphalt shingles and rolled composition roofing

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Gazebo; Shed (ca. 1938)

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Bay window; enclosed porch(es?)

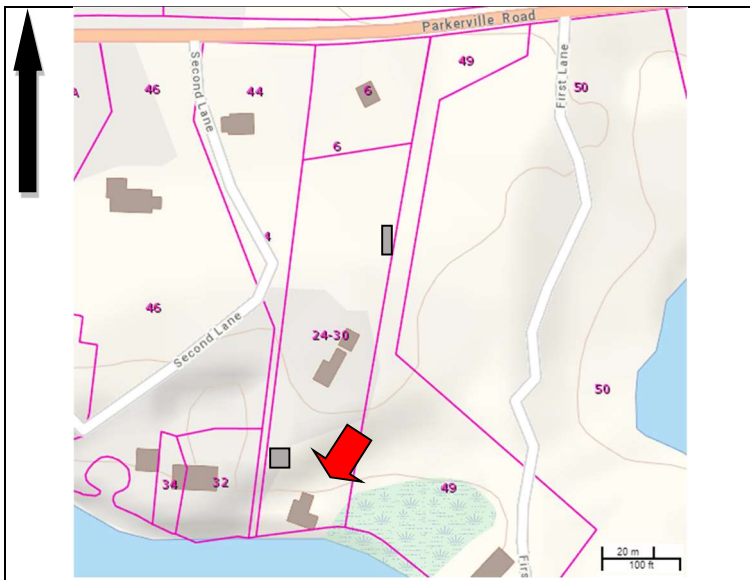
Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 1.45

Setting: Located on a heavily wooded narrow lot at the edge of Hart Pond, the house is one of three small cottages that share the long, narrow lot with the larger cottage (#26). The lot is flat at its north end and slopes dramatically downward to the shoreline. Surrounding dwellings consist of older, camp-style cottages and newer, year-round dwellings.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Stacy Spies, Historic Preservation Consultant

Organization:

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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.

30 Second Lane is one-story frame cottage located at the southeast corner of the lot amid mature pines and a small lawn at the edge of Hart Pond. At the southern end of the lot, the site drops dramatically downward. This cottage located only a few feet from the water line. Stone walls are located at the water's edge. From the paved parking area near 26 Second Lane, a dirt path leads down a series of steps to this cottage. The cottage consists of a one-story main block with a gable roof that runs north-south with a small, shed-roof additions at the east, west and north (rear) elevations.

The original house appears to have had a rectangular plan with a gable roof that runs north-south and a porch (since enclosed) along the west elevation. A slender, interior brick chimney pierces the ridge at the north end of the main block. A tripartite window with a large picture window flanked by 1/1 wood sash windows fills the center, original, portion of the south elevation. The infilled porch at the west end of the elevation contains two large vinyl-frame slider windows. The east ell contains a triple window consisting of three wood-frame 6/1 sash windows. The building has two entrances, one at the west elevation of the north ell and one at the west elevation of the west ell. The paneled wood doors have lights in the top halves. The entrance at the west corner of the house is sheltered by an extension of the shed roof supported on angled brackets. A wood gutter is attached to the edge of the shelter.

The west elevation contains a 6/6 wood sash window, a pair of 1/1 vinyl-frame windows and the south, sheltered, entrance. The north elevation of the west ell and the north and west elevations of the north ell contain single 6/1 wood sash windows. The east elevation of the north ell contains a bay window (late 20th C) and a single 6/1 wood sash window. The east elevation of the east ell contains a 4-light, wood-frame hopper window and evidence in the shingle arrangement of a former doorway; a small 1/1 wood sash window is located at the north elevation of the east ell where it meets the north ell.

A small frame shed with an asymmetrical side-gabled roof and close eaves is located near the northeast corner of the cottage. The shed has an asphalt-shingled roof and is enclosed with vertical boards. The south elevation contains a side-hung, center, double-leaf door constructed of vertical boards and metal strap hinges. The remaining frames of 2/1 wood sash windows flank the door.

The frame gazebo rests on concrete blocks and is enclosed by a wood-shingled solid railing with a board cap. The pyramidal roof features exposed rafter tails and is covered with asphalt shingles. Corner posts are stripped logs.

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.

24-30 Second Lane was originally part of a much larger, 16-acre parcel that was owned by the branch of the Byam family descended from Frank C. Byam (1848-1933).¹ Frank C. Byam was a farmer and the stationmaster at the South Chelmsford railroad station and lived at 19 Maple Road (also known as Red Wing Farm). In 1920, Frank C. Byam sold the 16-acre property to his daughter, Lucy, and her husband, Ray.² Lucy H. Byam had married a member of another branch of the Byam family, Ray S. Byam, in 1907.

¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18163054>

² Middlesex North Deed Book 627, p. 515.

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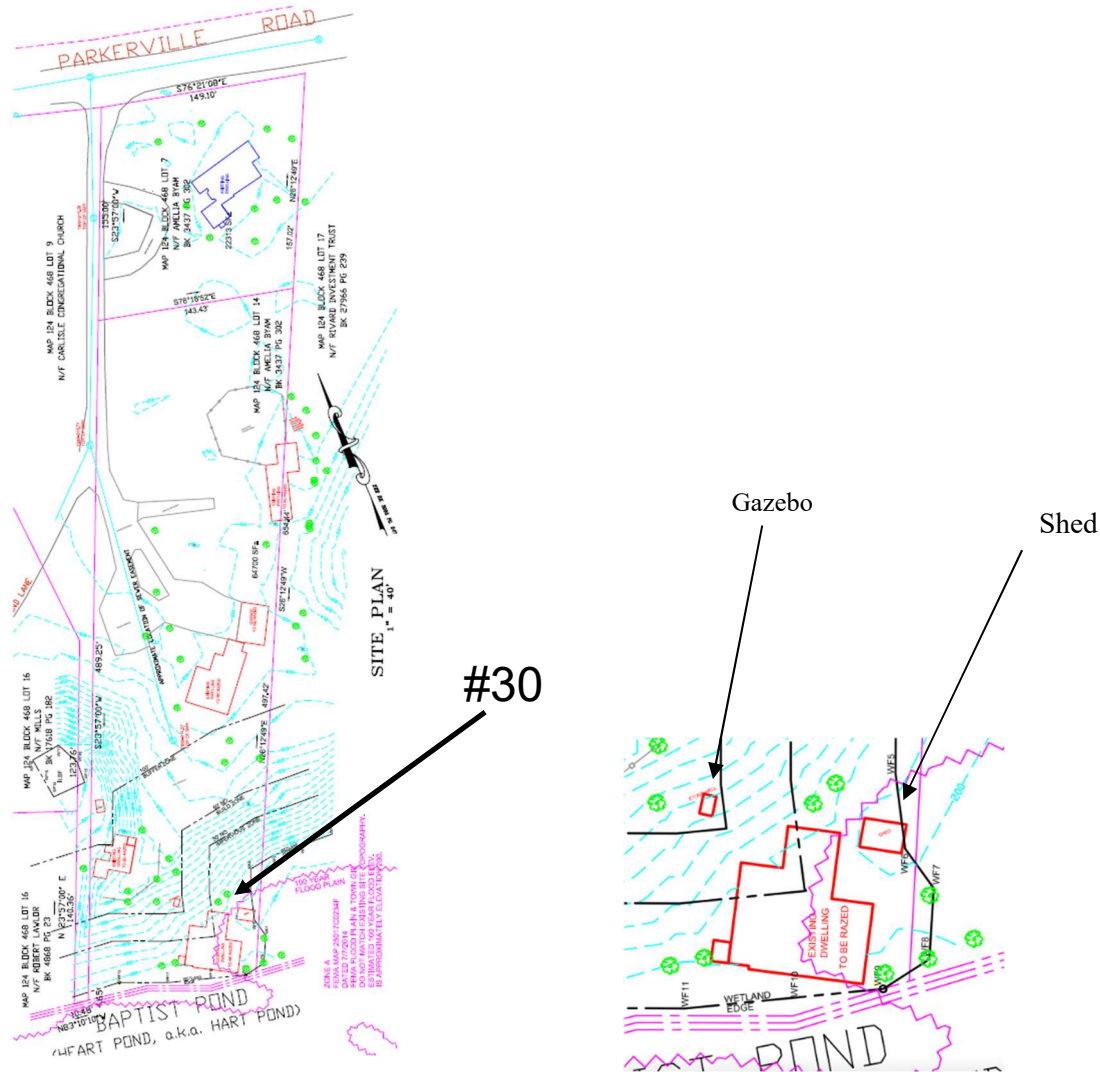
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View looking northeast. South elevation.



View looking east. West and south elevations.



Detail. Wood gutter.



View looking east. West elevation.

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View looking south. North and west ells.



Detail. Door on west elevation of north ell.



View looking East elevation of north ell. Shed partially visible at right.



View looking north. Shed.

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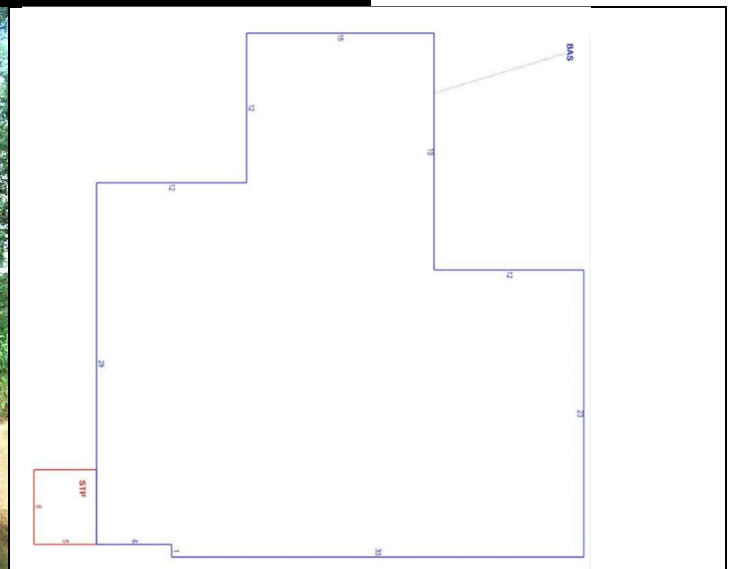
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