

# FORM B – BUILDING

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



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**Town** Chelmsford

**Place** (*neighborhood or village*)  
 North Chelmsford, Crystal Lake

**Address** 75 Willis Drive

**Historic Name** L'Ecuyer/Carville Cottage Cottage

**Uses:** Present cottage

**Original** cottage

**Date of Construction** ca 1927

**Source** deeds and town taxes

**Style/Form** Cottage

**Architect/Builder**

**Exterior Material:** clapboards

**Foundation** stone

**Wall/Trim** wood

**Roof** asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures**  
 none

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*)  
 none

**Condition**

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

**Acreage** 6192 sq. ft.

**Setting** Lakeside

**Recorded by** Linda V. Prescott

**Organization** Chelmsford Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*) April 10, 2007

Assessor's Number 18/75/1      USGS Quad Tyngsboro      Area(s)  
 Form Number

## BUILDING FORM

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

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

This one floor house was originally built as a camp. It is located approximately 60 feet from the water's edge, across the street on what is now known as Freeman Lake. This one story structure sits on a rocks and railroad ties, the crawl space under the structure is protected with a vertical board skirt. The building is sided with clapboards and has a asphalt shingle roof. The gable runs from side to side. On the right side of the building is an unfinished porch, the left side of the house has a realitively recent small deck and the rear of the house has small ell with a exterior door. The building is simple in design and unmarkable in features except for some of the windows. The windows appear to be the original two over two panes. The window frames are made of board about 3 inches wide with a half round coving on the edge. The top of the windows are slightly bowed.

### 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.*

What is now known as Freeman Lake was called Leaches Pond in the 1700's. In the 1800's the lake became known as Crystal Lake, providing water for the mills in North Chelmsford and ice for the Boston Ice Company in the winter. In the 1920's several summer communities were built on it's shore. The largest of the summer communities was Crystal Land Grove planned and developed by Smith and Brooks, civil engineers from Lowell. In the 1930's the Town of Chelmsford built, a recreation area, field house and a public beach called Varney Park after the Doctor who gave the town the land. In July of 1919, Joseph L'Ecuyer, of Lowell, a selector working in the cotton mills, sold two lots of land, # 98 and # 99 to Daniel and Elizabeth Carville, of Lowell. Daniel Carville was the son of a laborer, John Carville and was raised in Tyngsboro. The 1910 Census shows Daniel Carville, a teamster working in a lumber yard, married to Elizabeth and having 1 son, John. The property passes from father to son John in February of 1940. Census shows John Carville as being a driver for a milk company. The Carville Family enjoyed the cottage until 1990 when the house passed into the ownership of James and Ruth Nunnery of Lowell. In March of 2005, the house again passed from parent to children.

March of 2007 the Nunnery family requested to demolish the house.

At this time, exact date when the cottage was built is unavailble due to the temporary unavailabilty of the town tax records.

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

Rev. Water's, " History of Chelmsford"  
North Middlesex County Regisrty of Deeds  
Town of Chelmsford Assessr's Records  
Census, 1880, 1910, 1920, 1930, Ancesrty.com  
Topozone.com  
Local.live.com  
Photos cortesy of Fred Merriam

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

Chelmsford 75 Willis Drive

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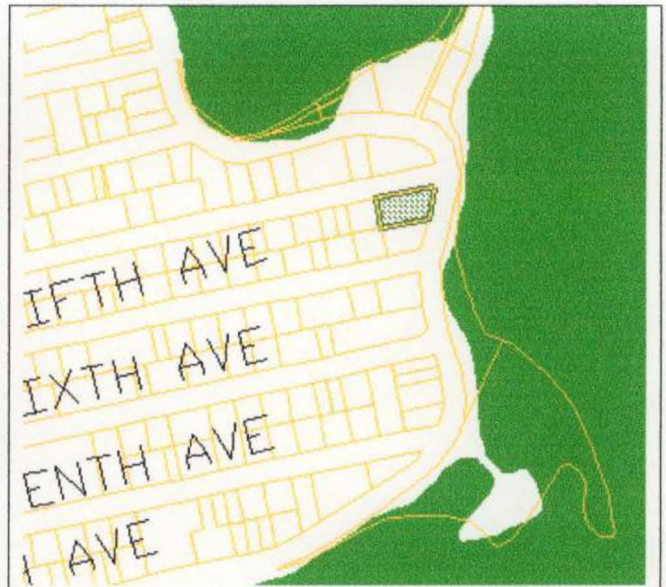
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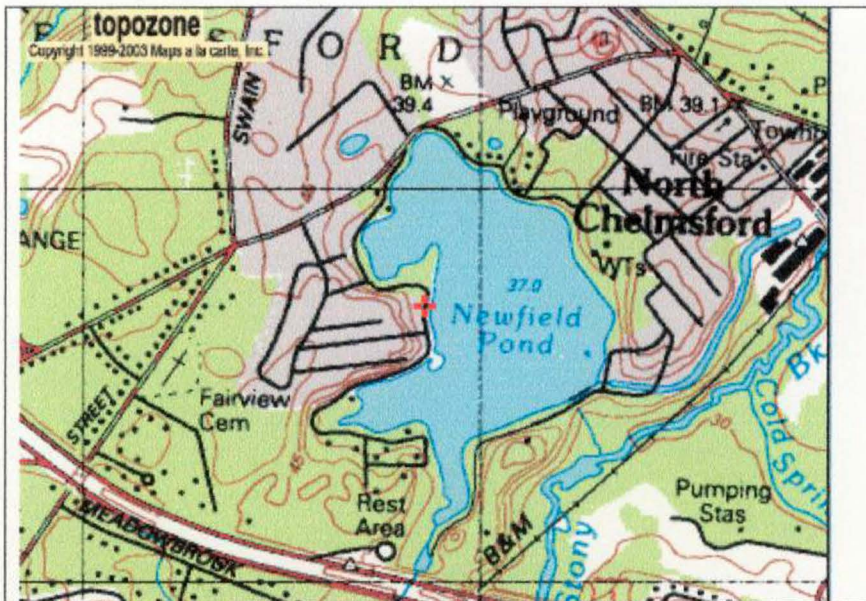
## Locational Information



75 Willis Drive viewed from [www.local.live.com](http://www.local.live.com)



75 Willis Drive- Town Assessor's Map



Topozone excerpt from Tyngsboro USGS quadrangle.

Decimal coordinates as provided by Topozone: 42°38'01" N 71°23'31" W

Deed Summary  
75 Willis Drive

Bk 603, pg. 254	July 12, 1919	Joseph L. Ecuyer, of Lowell, unmarried, grant to Daniel and Elizabeth Carville, of Lowell, as tenants on common, a parcel of land, lots numbered 98 and 99 on plans of Crystal Lake Grove, Plan Bk 10, plan 5. Contains 6192 sq. ft.
Bk 816, pg. 593	August 12, 1932	Daniel and Elizabeth Carville, husband and wife of N. Chelms, grant to John J. and Mary Carville, husband and wife of Lowell, land with bldgs. Lots 98 and 99 on Plans of Building Lots of Crystal Lake Grove, Plan book 10, plan 5
Bk 941, pg. 433	Feb. 10, 1940	John J. and Mary A. Carville, husband and wife, both of Lowell, grant to Michael W. Regan, John Callahan and Ruth Callahan, all of Lowell, as joint tenants, the land and bldgs if any. Lots being number 98 and 99, Plan of Building Lots in Crystal Lake Grove, Plan Book 10, Plan 5 contains 6192 sq. ft.
Bk 5367, pg. 348	Oct. 24, 1990	John Callahan and Ruth Nunnery, former Ruth Callahan, both of Lowell, grant to James Nunnery and Ruth Nunnery, husband and wife, of 408 Stevens St., Lowell the land with the bldgs of Lots 98 and 99, Plan of Building Lots in Crystal Lake Grove, Plan Book 10. Plan 5. Contains 6192 sq. ft.
Bk 18573, pg. 31	Mar. 31, 2005	James and Ruth Nunnery, 408 Stevens St., Lowell, husband and wife, grant to William Nunnery, 12 Cottage St., Natick, MA., Marianne Roy, 11 Premier Dr., Londonderry, N.H., Joan T. Meyers, 261 Puritan Dr., Middletown, RI, Mark E. Nunnery, 6321 Monarch Dr., El Paso, Tx, and James W. Nunnery, III, 13 Cheshire St., Nashua NH. Parcel #3, land and bldgs, lots 98 and 99 in Plan of Building Lots on Crystal Lake Grove, Plan Book 10, Plan 5. Containing 6192 sq. ft..

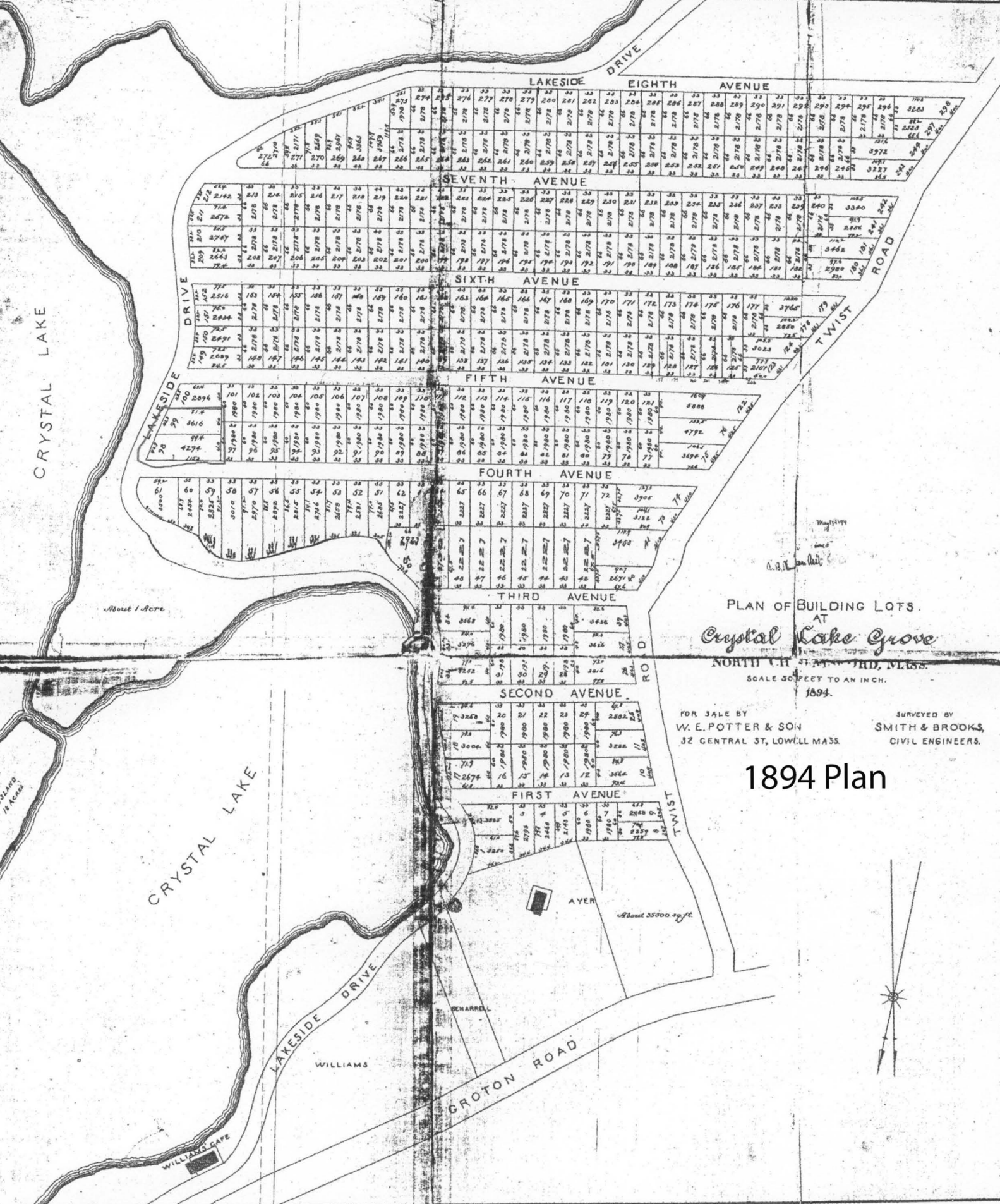
CRYSTAL LAKE

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12 Acres

About 1 Acre

AYER  
About 3500 sq. ft.



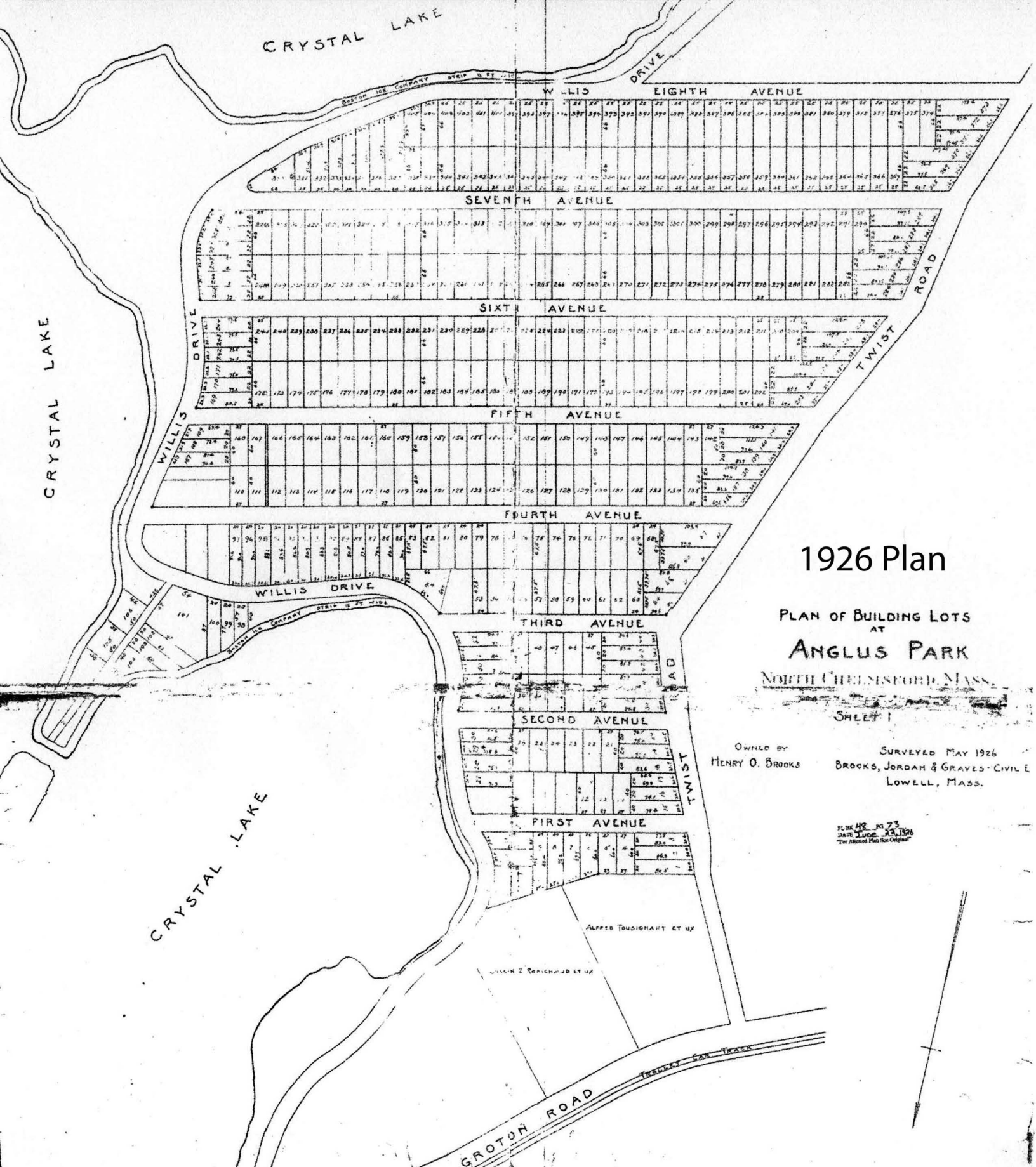
PLAN OF BUILDING LOTS  
AT  
*Crystal Lake Grove*  
NORTH CHATHAM TOWN, MASS.  
SCALE 50 FEET TO AN INCH.  
1894.

FOR SALE BY  
W. E. POTTER & SON  
32 CENTRAL ST, LOWELL MASS.

SURVEYED BY  
SMITH & BROOKS,  
CIVIL ENGINEERS.

1894 Plan





# 1926 Plan

## PLAN OF BUILDING LOTS AT ANGLUS PARK NORTH CHELMSFORD, MASS.

SHEET 1

OWNED BY  
HENRY O. BROOKS

SURVEYED MAY 1926  
BROOKS, JORDAN & GRAVES - CIVIL E.  
LOWELL, MASS.

PL. BK. 482, PG. 73  
DATE Laid out, 5-11-1926  
The Above Plan Not Original

ALFRED TOUSIGNANT ET UX

WILLIAM Z. TOUSIGNANT ET UX

TWO INCH CANAL

GROTON ROAD

Town Of Chelmsford  
50 Billerica Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824



Chelmsford Historical Commission  
Delay of Demolition  
**Determination of Applicability**

The Chelmsford Historical Commission finds the application for demolition of:

Property: 75 Willis Drive cottage  
N. Chelmsford

as presented by: James Nunnery, owner  
13 Cheshire Street  
Nashua, N.H. 03063

on : January 22, 2007  
*date*

to be within the guideline of the Demolition Delay bylaw, Ch. 16, Town of Chelmsford, and has notified the Town of Chelmsford Inspector of Buildings of said determination. The Inspector of Buildings may issue a permit for demolition.

Linda V. Prescott  
*Signature of Historical Commission Representative*

4-10-2007  
*date*

Linda V. Prescott, Chmn.  
*Print name of Historical Commission Representative*

cc: Inspector of Buildings  
Town Manager

CHC 2005-1







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