

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	28

1. Town Chelmsford

Address 14 Worthen Street

Name Dr. Samuel Dutton House

Present use residence

Present owner John Tousignant

3. Description

Date ca 1808

Source deeds

Style Georgian

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric butted clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) see attached sheet

Other features interesting ornate interior

architectural details of post Civil War combined with original pegged construction.

Altered see attached Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

25,652 sq. ft.

Approximate frontage 137 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

ca 30 feet

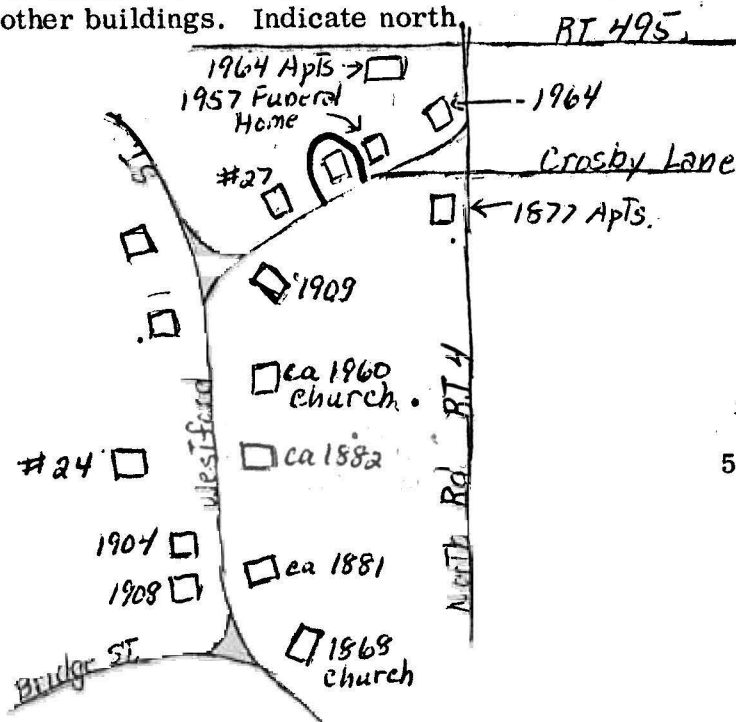
6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission

Date January 30, 1975

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number #6 - 7A

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant: _____
MHC Photo no. _____

7. Original owner (if known) Azariah Proctor, Jr.

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates doctor's office & home 1901 - 1910

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural		Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	<u>x</u>
The Arts		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	<u>x</u>
Commerce	<u>x</u>	Military		Transportation	
Communication		Political			
Community development					

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above) The land, which contained a cabinet maker's shop, was purchased in 1803 by Thomas Jones, a housewright of Chelmsford, who died in 1805 at the age of 27 years of either leprosy or consumption according to local vital records. His heir, Joseph Jones, sold the land to another Bradford resident, Azariah Proctor, Jr. on Jan. 1, 1808. Azariah, a wheelwright, was born in Chelmsford, where his brother and 2 nephews also became wheelwrights (see #208, 22 Fletcher St.) He married Lucy Hodgman in 1806, bought the land at 14 Worthen St. 2 years later, and probably built the house soon after to provide room for a steadily growing family which eventually included 12 children. He died at the age of 57 years, in 1838. Apparently his son Henry Byam Proctor and wife Sarah Elizabeth then lived in the house, where Azariah's widow, Lucy, had 1 chamber set off as her dower. In 1847 Henry was an innkeeper, and for a time he kept the old tavern which stood where the Chelmsford Bookstore (#205) now stands and which burned in 1861. However, by 1868 Henry was living in Lowell, when his mother deeded the house to him, giving up her dower. He was still living in Lowell in 1871, when he sold the homestead to Horace Comstock Dean, then also of Lowell. Mr. Dean made "some marked improvements upon his dwelling-house" before selling it in 1901 (7 years before his death at the age of 100 years) to Dr. Samuel Dutton. Dr. Dutton was a Civil War veteran, having served 5 years, first as an Assistant Surgeon of the 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery, 11 Mass. Regt., then as Surgeon as a major and finally as Surgeon in Chief. A well liked family, Dr. Dutton died in 1910 while living in the house, his widow in 1914, and Bertan, his unmarried daughter in 1915. The remaining children sold the house later that year.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

"Chelmsford Vital Records to 1850"

Waters, "History of Chelmsford"

Chelmsford Assessor's Records, 1824, 1827, 1828, 1834, 1836, 1848

Chelmsford Eagle, Dec. 12, 1877

Lowell Courier-Citizen, Jan. 16, 1914 & Oct. 24, 1915

1831 map

Deeds: North Middlesex Dist. Reg. of Deeds, Bk. 8, pg. 217; Bk. 73, pg. 256; Bk. 91, pg. 515

14 Worthen St.

Middlesex Northern District Registry of Deeds

North:

Book 1582, pg. 412	11/30/1962	John & Margaret Tousignant from Ralph & Alice Coates (from the estate of Ervin & Carrie Smith)
Book 547, pg. 393	11/20/1915	Ervin & Carrie Smith from Edgar F. Dutton and Joseph & Mary Moore(from the estate of Samuel L. Dutton)
Book 547, pg. 391	11/20/1915	Edgar Dutton and Mary Moore from Edgar Dutton & trustee under the will of Samuel Dutton and trustee for Bertha Dutton)
Book 337, pg. 416	10/24/1901	Samuel L. Dutton from Horace Dean
Book 91, pg. 515	3/18/1871	Horace Dean from Henry & Sarah Proctor
Book 73, pg. 256	4/14/1868	Henry Proctor from Lucy Proctor
Book 8, pg. 217	1/7/1808	Azariah Proctor from Joseph Jones (unable to find deed from Thomas to Joseph)
Book 9, pg. 227	3/2/1803	Thomas Jones from Jacob & Lucy Manning

14 Worthen Street

Waters, "History of Chelmsford" :

- 402 Henry B. Proctor Innholders & Retailers
1847. Arnold Burt. Henry B. Proctor.
- 396 Henry B. Proctor Taverna & Dwelling houses
The old tavern which stood near where Parkhurst's store now stands, in Central square, was kept, at one time, by Capt. Moses Barron; and late, by Joseph Reed, Harrington, Ailing, and H. Proctor. This was burned in 1861. The elms in Central square still give evidence of the damage they received at this time.
- 765 Henry B. Proctor Civil List
1853. Selectmen: N.B. Edwards, ~~Christopher-Reby~~ Jabez Stevens, Henry B. Proctor.
- 247 Azariah Proctor Muster Roll Col Moses Parker Co, Year 1775
Azariah Proctor, from Chelmsford, Sargt., time engaged - April 19, traveled 54 miles, served 17 days & was paid 1: 3: 3:2. His company was commanded by Lt. Benj. Walker, who became captain (Mass. Archives, Vol. 13, pg. 153)
- pg. 262 Azariah Proctor Muster Roll Capt. Ford's Co. of Volunteers, which engaged Sept. 27 and marched Sept. 30, 1777 to reinforce the Northern Army.
Azariah Proctor, Corp., discharged Nov. 8, having served 43 days, paid 13. 3. 0
- 362 Azariah Proctor Shay's Rebellion
Members of Gen. Lincoln's Army, which marched through the Counties of Worcester & Berkshire to suppress the insurrection in 1786. The company, from Chelmsford & neighboring towns, was commanded by Capt. (later Col.) James Varnum, of Dracut.
Sept. 20, 1787 - Azariah Proctor, Lieut. co. 4, 7th Regt.
- Pg. 371 Samuel L. Dutton, M.D. List of Civil War veterans
Ass't. Surg., 1st Mass. Heavy Art'l'y, 11th Mass. Battery
- pg. 381 Samuel Lane Dutton Civil War Record.
Commissioned and mustered in, Aug. 11, 1862. Ass't Surgeon, 1st Heavy Art'l'y, form 3 years. Promated to Surgeon, with rank of Major, 40th Regt. Inf., March 7, 1864. Surgeon in Chief 3rd Brig., 1st Div., 18 A.C. Resigned and discharged, May 11, 1865. Age 26 and 28. Married. Born, Acton, son of Solomon Lane and Olive Charlotte (Hutchinson) Dutton.
- 397 The residence of the late Dr. S.L. Dutton, in Worthen street, is a good example of a restored colonial house.

Lowell Weekly Journal

May 11, 1900 - Dr. Samuel L. Dutton & family will occupy their summer home, the Russell house, about June 1. Dr. Dutton's daughter, Mrs. Moore, & family, will make their home a part of the summer at the Bussell house.

June 8, 1900 - Dr. S.L. Dutton & family of Newton Centre take possession this week of their summer home, the Russell house, in Worthen street.

Nov. 9, 1900 - Dr. S.L. Dutton & family have returned to their home in Newton Centre after a ple very pleasant sojourn here of several months. Come again, next summer.

May 10, 1901 - After an absence of several years in the west Mr. Horace C. Dean has returned to his old home in Worthen street. On his way east Mr. Dean spent the winter in Holyoke. He is 94 years of age and somewhat enfeebled. He was in business for many years in Lowell.

May 31, 1901 - Dr. & Mrs. S.L. Dutton of Newton Centre take up their summer residence in the village this week at the Russell house. Welcome

July 19, 1901 - Dr. Charles Dutton and wife were in town Monday visiting his brother, Dr. Samuel L. Dutton whose summer home is at the "Davis" house in Worthen street. It was the latter's birthday anniversary.

July 26, 1901 - The venerable H.C. Dean is now staying with a neice in Woburn and will not return until autumn.

Nov. 15, 1901 - Dr. & Mrs. Samuel L. Dutton return this week to their home in Newton Center.

Nov. 8, 1901 - Horace C. Dean has sold his house and land in Westfer Worthen street to Dr. Samuel L. Dutton of Newton Center. The doctor & his family for several years have passed their summers in the vallage, and on account of early association Dr. & Mrs. Dutton have a strong attachment for the town, and their many friends here hope that the new purchase will be the means of inducing them ultimately to become permanent residents. Another season marked improvements will be made upon the property.

Mar. 14, 1902 - About the first of April, Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Dutton are expected in town. Dr. Dutton's purchase, the Dean house, will be remodelled this season.

April 4, The remodeëling of Dr. Samuel L. Dutton's house in Worthen street is in charge of Samuel Hagerman.

May 16, 1902 - The carpenters at work upon Dr. S.L. Dutton's house hope to have it in readiness by the first of July.

Lowell Daily Courier

April 3, 1903 - The remodeling of Dr. Samuel L. Dutton's house in Worthen street is in charge of Samuel Hagerman.

October 1, 1903 - Among the handsome vegetable and flower gardens is that of Dr. Samuel L. Dutton on Worthen Street. The doctor greatly enjoys this kind of practice and a view of his patients is proof positive that they have been gainers by his treatment.

Chelmsford Tax Valuation Records

1902, May 1

Dutton, Samuel L. - Newton
dwelling (unfinished) \$1800
barn

home improved land $\frac{1}{2}$ acre \$300

Lowell Courier-Citizen

May 27, 1910 - Dr. Samuel Lane Dutton, a veteran of the Civil war and a man who leaves a wide circle of friends to cherish his memory, died this afternoon at his home in Chelmsford, after an illness of many months. He was in his 75th year, and by a sad coincidence his burial will take place on Memorial day - the one day above all others that had a deep significance for him.

Dr. Dutton was born in Acton, Mass., July 15, 1835. He attended school in New Ipswich, Mount Vernon and Francestown, N.H. While a student at the academy he paid his way by teaching school, and during this period he taught in the Dea. Isaiah" district 7, near West Chelmsford, and in district 2, north of the village. He also taught numerous writing schools during those years, and is remembered today by many old pupils.

He began to study medicine in 1856, with Dr. Levi Howard of Chelmsford, and received his degree from the Harvard Medical School in 1860. He opened an office in Derry, N.H., and had established a practice when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted from Chelmsford as assistant surgeon in the First Mass. Heavy Artillery, Aug. 11, 1862. He served with his regiment in defense of Washington and at Harper's Ferry and vicinity, until March 1, 1864, when he was promoted to be surgeon of the 40th Mass. Infantry, and was made surgeon-in-chief of the third brigade of the first division, 18th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He remained with his command until he retired from the service May 11, 1865, and participated in or was present at the engagements of Drury's Bluff, Bermuda Hundreds, Chester Station and others.

Upon his return from the army he resumed general practice in Boston, but after several years was obliged to abandon it, failing health being a direct result of his privations experienced at the front. During this period, however, he was a member of the Mass. Medical society, the Boston Society for Observation, and the Gynecologiaal society of Boston, of which latter he was one of the charter members. He was a pension examining physician in Boston and vicinity for many years. Dr. Dutton was always deeply interested in everything which related to the war, and those who participated in it, and was a member of the military order of the Loyal Legion, Massachusetts commandery, and of Edward Kinely post 113, G.A.R.

About eight years ago he moved to Chelmsford to pass his remaining days where he had spent his youthful years, and where he had married his wife, Miss Surviah P. Stevens. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son. A funeral notice appears elsewhere.

May 30, 1910 - The funeral of Dr. Samuel L. Dutton took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late home on Worthen street. Among the large number of friends and relatives present were.....The services were conducted by Rev. C.H. Ellis of the Central Baptist church and three selections "Lead Kindly Light," a favorite of the deceased and sung at his request, "Abide With Me," and "The Christians Goodnight" were given by E.E. Adams and Mrs. George S¹/₂aulding. The bearers were Almon W. Holt, Frank W. Worthen, Arthur E. Reed and Walter B. Emerson. The body was laid to rest in the family lot in Forefathers cemetery. The arrangements were in charge of Undertaker Perham.

CHELMSFORD EAGLE

Dec. 12, 1877 - H.C. Dean, emulating the example of his neighbors, has made some marked improvements upon his dwelling-house, and the same may be said of the premises of E.B. Worthen, formerly known as the "Davis place."

LOWELL COURIER-CITIZEN

Jan. 16, 1914 - The death of Mrs. Surviah P. Dutton, widow of the late Dr. Samuel L. Dutton, occurred early this morning at her home in Worthen street, following an illness of only a week. Mrs. Dutton was stricken with a paralytic shock a week ago, from which she was unable to rally. She was in her 76th year. Her life was quiet, useful and thoughtful, finding and esteeming the good in her friends and acquaintances, always ready and anxious to do something for the benefit and happiness of others. She will be greatly missed in the family circle wherein she had lived so long, and also by many friends by whom she was held in sincere regard.

She was born in Bowell, March 5, 1838, the daughter of Jabez and Surviah (Parkhurst) Stevens. Her parents moved to Chelmsford when she was very young, and her girlhood was passed in the town, attending the local schools and later at the Howe school in Billerica, and at Westford academy.

On Sept. 25, 1860, she was united in marriage with Samuel L. Dutton, M.D., removing shortly after to Derry, N.H., where they lived until he enlisted for the war. She spent several months with her husband in camp, when the regiment to which he was serving in the defense of Washington, and also at Harpers Ferry. On the return of her husband from the war, they took up their residence in Boston and remained there or in Newton until 1902, when they moved to Chelmsford, where she had since resided. The death of her husband occurred on May 27, 1910. She was a member of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church at Boston and an interested attendant at the Central Baptist Church at Chelmsford. She had four children, one of whom, Grace Stevens, died in childhood, those surviving being Miss Bertha H. Dutton of Chelmsford, Mrs. Joseph W. Moore of Newton Highlands and Edgar F. Dutton of Schenectady, N.Y. She leaves also a sister, Miss Araminta Stevens of Chelmsford.

Feb. 11, 1915 - Miss Bertha H. Dutton, who has spent the past six weeks with friends in Lowell, has returned to her home in Worthen street.

Oct. 24, 1915 - The death of Miss Bertha H. Dutton, daughter of the late Dr. Samuel L. Dutton, occurred this afternoon at her home in Worthen street, aged 45 years and 6 months. She had been in failing health for some time and, while not unexpected, the news of her death will come as a shock to a wide circle of friends. She was a member of the Central Baptist church and was always interested and ready to take an active part in any work connected with the society. She was not only always ready but anxious to do something for the benefit of others, even when it might cost self-sacrifice of personal desires. Possessed of an unusually sweet disposition and of a genial sense of humor as well, she made herself a most delightful companion to a circle of intimate friends, who found her a constant inspiration. She is survived by a brother, Edgar F. Dutton of Schenectady, N.Y., and a sister, Mrs. Joseph W. Moore of Newton Highlands.

Nov. 21, 1915 - Ervin E. Smith of Lowell has purchased the residence of the late Bertha H. Dutton in Worthen street and with his family took occupancy on Saturday.



