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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**HISTORIC Chelmsford Center *Historic District*

AND/OR COMMON

Chelmsford Center Historic District (Preferred)

2 LOCATION

MA 4, MA 110 and MA 27

STREET & NUMBER Multiple

CITY, TOWN

Chelmsford

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Middlesex

CODE

017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☒ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☒ PARK☒ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☒ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☒ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Multiple County Registry of Deeds (North District)

STREET & NUMBER

360 Gorham Street

CITY, TOWN

Lowell,

STATE

Massachusetts 01852

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1973 to 1977

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chelmsford Center Historic District encompasses approximately 35 acres around the Center Common which is formed by the convergence of six main streets: Billerica Road, Boston Road, Littleton Road, Westford Street, Chelmsford Street and North Road and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Rail Road. The area, which is located on gently rolling upland, was the site of the town's original settlement and has remained its functional center to the present. Despite pressures from a rapid increase in population and heavily traveled roads the area has retained the character of a New England village with a minimum of intrusions. Of 42 structures within the district only five buildings and three additions are considered intrusions. The majority of buildings are of wood frame construction and date primarily from the mid to late nineteenth century. The northern end of the district is residential in character, while commercial activities are concentrated around Central Square at the southern end. In addition, the triangular common at the center of the district is surrounded by several public buildings including the Town Hall, Fire Station, 1802 School House and Unitarian Church. The common is also the site of several commemorative markers and a Revolutionary War Memorial. A large burying ground is located west of the common. Individual buildings within the district are described below:

The First Parish Unitarian Church (#213-photo #1) which is sited on a rise at the intersection of Littleton Road and Westland Street, faces southeast on the common. Built in 1842, it is Greek Revival in design and characteristically faces gable end to the street, with a pedimented Ionic portico. Wide corner boards and an encircling entablature are other major design features. A school and chapel were added to the west elevation in 1955 and are considered intrusions.

The Sullivan-Haley House (#217) is a one and one half story, clapboarded Greek Revival structure of about 1845. Facing gable end to the street, it is side-hall in plan. A one story ell and porch have been attached to the rear elevation.

The Patrick Haley House (#229), constructed c.1880 is a simple Italianate cottage which rises one and one half stories to a ridge roof. The heavily bracketed door hood of this side-hall plan house is a major feature.

The Daniel Haley House (#230) was designed in 1915 in the popular Georgian Revival style. It is a two and a half story clapboard dwelling enclosed by a hipped roof with dormers.

The Edward Robbins House (#232), built in 1904, has a more elaborate Georgian design. Its symmetrical facade is framed by corner pilasters and is organized around a central pedimented pavillion which is emphasized by pilasters. The entry is sheltered by a balustraded portico. The upper portion of its hipped roof is masked by a Chippendale balustrade.

The Hezekiah Packard House (#29 -photo #3) stands on a rise overlooking Worthen Street and has a greater set-back than most of the other houses in the district. It is an

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Property Location ITEM NUMBER 2 PAGE 1

IDENT NO. *	NAME	CONSTRUCTION DATE	ADDRESS
213	First Parish Unitarian Church	1842	2 Westford Street
1	1802 School House	1802	Westford Street
217	Sullivan/Haley House	C. 1845	4 Westford Street
229	Patrick Haley House	1880-2	2 Bridge Street
230	Daniel E. Haley House	1914-15	4 Bridge Street
231	Day House	1908	8 Westford Street
232	Edward Robbins House	1904	12 Westford Street
29	Hezekiah Packard House	1794	16 Westford Street
233	Batchelder House	1887	22 Westford Street
234	Stavely House	1880	28 Westford Street
27	Samuel Davis/Russell House	1799	10 Worthen Street
28	Dr. Samuel Dutton House	C. 1808	14 Worthen Street
235	Nichols House	1909	9 Worthen Street
236	Central Congregational Church	1959	1 Worthen Street
237	Smith/Weatherbee House	1881	15 Westford Street
238	Ward House	1884	1-3 Westford Street
239	Central Baptist Church	1868	11 Academy Street
240	Baptist Parsonage	1955	7 Academy Street
2	Middlesex Canal Toll House	1832	Center Common
37	Winn/Emerson House	C. 1804	1 Academy St.-6 North Rd
38	J. P. Emerson House	C. 1835	11 North Road
241	Center Fire Station	1952	7 North Road
242	Leslie Davis House	1904	5 North Road
36	Richardson/Davis House	C. 1845	1-3 North Road
225	Chelmsford Town Hall	1879	North Road
243	Kidder Garage	1922	59-61 Central Square
205	Parkhurst Store	C. 1861	2 Chelmsford Street
218	Smith/Osborn House	C. 1858	8 Chelmsford Street
244	Sweetser Building	1923	10 Chelmsford Street
206	Kittredge/Sweetser House	C. 1833	20 Chelmsford Street
245	John Wilson House	1894	24 Chelmsford Street
207	Kittredge/Howard House	C. 1840	21 Chelmsford Street
246	Parkhurst Tailor Shop	1894	9-11 Chelmsford Street
24	Episcopal Parsonage	Before 1775	6 Billerica Road
247	All Saint's Episcopal Church	1879-1882	10 Billerica Road
248	Eustace B. Fiske House	1929	9 Billerica Road
25	Fiske House	1798	1 Billerica Road
249	Odd Fellows Building	1896	41-44 Central Square
204	Wilson Block/Central House	1884	3-8 Central Square
250	Central House Stables	1884	1 Central Square
251	Service Station	1950 or 1951	8 Littleton Road
209	Chelmsford Ginger Ale Company	1913	Littleton Road

*Identifying number corresponds to Town and Massachusetts
Historical Commission survey number.

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Owners and mailing addresses

First Parish Unitarian Church	First Parish Unitarian- Universalist Church 2 Westford St. Chelmsford, Ma. 01824
1802 Schoolhouse (Westford Street)	Town of Chelmsford Town Hall North Road Chelmsford, Ma. 01824
Sullivan/Haley House	Madeline E. Simard 4 Westford St. Chelmsford, Ma. 01824
Patrick Haley House	Margaret Dunn 2 Bridge St. Chelmsford, Ma. 01824
Daniel E. Haley House	Alan E. and Mildred H. Greenhalgh 4 Bridge St. Chelmsford, Ma. 01824
Day House	Paul J. and Joyce D. Caniff 8 Westford Street Chelmsford, Ma. 01824
Edward Robbins House	Margaret E. Robbins c/o Margaret E. Mills 12 Westford Street Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Hezekiah Packard House
(16 Westford Street)

Margaret E. Robbins
c/o Margaret E. Mills
12 Westford Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Batchelder House
(22 Westford St.)

Carol A. & William V. York
3 Village View Road
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Stavely House

Donald S. Millard
28 Westford Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Samuel Davis/Russell House

Evalyn Russell
10 Worthen Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Dr. Samuel Dutton House

John R. Tousignant
14 Worthen Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Nichols House
(9 Worthen Street)

Central Congregational Church
1 Worthen Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Central Congregational Church

Central Congregational Church
1 Worthen Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Smith/Weatherbee House

George R. & Jane M. Brown
15 Westford Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Ward House

Donna L. Needham
1-3 Westford Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Central Baptist Church

Central Baptist Church
11 Academy Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Baptist Parsonage
(7 Academy St.)

Central Baptist Church
11 Academy Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Middlesex Canal Toll House
(Center Common)

Town of Chelmsford
Town Hall
North Road
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Winn/Emerson House
(1 Academy St.-6 North Rd.)

P. E. Richardson
105 Canterbury Road
Oak Ridge, Tn.

Walter E. Wootton
c/o Margaret E. Miller
12 Westford Street
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Carol A. & William V. York
3 Village View Road
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Donald E. Millard
28 Westford Street
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Evilyn Russell
10 Worthen Street
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

John E. Toulignant
1A Worthen Street
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Central Congregational Church
1 Worthen Street
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Central Congregational Church
1 Worthen Street
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

George R. & Jane M. Brown
12 Westford Street
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Bonnie L. Redden
1-3 Westford Street
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Central Baptist Church
11 Academy Street
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Central Baptist Church
11 Academy Street
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Town of Chelmsford
Town Hall
North Road
Chelmsford, MA. 01824

F. E. Richardson
103 Canterbury Road
Oak Ridge, TN.

Wendell Packard House
(12 Westford Street)

Bachelder House
(22 Westford St.)

Stavely House

Samuel Davis/Russell House

Dr. Samuel Patton House

Nichols House
(2 Worthen Street)

Central Congregational Church

Smith/Westbrook House

Ward House



Winn/Eaton House
(1 Academy St. - S North Rd.)

J. P. Emerson House
(11 North Road)

Rodger L. Currie
17 High Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Center Fire Station
(7 North Road)

Town of Chelmsford
Town Hall
North Road
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Leslie Davis House
(5 North Road)

Josephine E. Krasnecki
65 Dalton Road
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Richardson/Davis House
(1-3 North Road)

Edward G. Krasnecki
65 Dalton Road
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Chelmsford Town Hall

Town of Chelmsford
North Road
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Kidder Garage

Raymond P. Osborn and Howard J.
Hall
61 Central Square
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Parkhurst Store
(2 Chelmsford Street)

Bradford Realty Trust
20 Chelmsford Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Smith/Osborn House
(8 Chelmsford Street)

William V. & Carol A. York
3 Village View Road
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Sweetser Building
(10 Chelmsford Street)

Associated Estates, Inc.
Bedford, Ma.

Kittredge/Sweetser House

Bradford Realty Trust
20 Chelmsford Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

John Wilson House
(24 Chelmsford St.)

Peter R. Markham
216 Wentworth Avenue
Lowell, Ma.

Kittredge/Howard House

Henry and Helen J. Eriksen
21 Chelmsford Street
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824



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Parkhurst Tailor Shop
(9-11 Chelmsford Street)

Episcopal Parsonage
(6 Billerica Road)

All Saints Episcopal Church

Eustace B. Fiske House

Fiske House
(1 Billerica Road)

Odd Fellows Building
(41-44 Central Square)

Wilson Block/Central House
(3-8 Central Square)

Central House Stables

Service Station
(8 Littleton Road)

Chelmsford Ginger Ale Company
(Littleton Road)

William E. and Helena S. Riney
23 Hornbeam Hill Road
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Alfred E. Wilson, Trustee
Old Landmark Realty Trust
186 Main Street
N. Chelmsford, Ma. 01863

All Saints Episcopal Church
10 Billerica Road
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Paul E. Archer
9 Billerica Road
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Edward S. Redstone
c/o First Bank and Trust Co.
Central Square
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

First Bank and Trust Co.
Central Square
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Vlahos Realty Company, Inc.
54 Georgia Avenue
Lowell, Ma.

John D. Hallberg
1 Central Square
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

Raymond T. Osborn
61 Central Square
Chelmsford, Ma. 01824

CLM Realty Trust
c/o James J. Mawn
331 Main Street
Woburn, Ma.



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elaborate late Georgian house with quoins, a modillion cornice and a balustraded hipped roof. Alterations include the removal of the north interior chimney and the replacement of the original center entrance with double doors in the late nineteenth century.

The Stavely House (#234) is a two and a half story Italianate residence constructed c. 1880 with its gable end to the street. Stylistic features include quoins and a bracketted cornice. A barn is attached to the southern end of the rear elevations.

The Samuel Davis/Russell House (#27 - photo #4) is a two story Federal period house with interior end chimneys enclosed by a low hipped roof. The facade is sheathed with a flush boarding and is framed by Ionic pilasters on high pedestals. Similar pilasters carry a central pediment and frame the entry which is headed by an unusual glass and wood fan.

The Ward House (#238) is a two story hipped roof Italianate structure. Like other houses of this style in the district it has a bracketted entrance hood and also possesses a wide frieze and bracketted cornice. A one story all across the northeast elevation connects the house to it's barn.

Constructed in 1868, the Central Baptist Church (#239) is a Gothic Revival structure facing southeast on the common. Typically asymmetrical, it has a buttressed tower with an octagonal spire attached to it's northeast corner. Buttresses are also used for decorative effect on the rest of the building. An extension of the roof creates the illusion of a clerestory. The major alteration to this building was the installation of shingles over it's original flushboard siding in 1937.

Facing south on the common is the Winn-Emerson House (#37) a typical late Georgian house constructed in 1804. This two and a half story clapboarded house is enclosed by a ridge roof with interior chimneys. The entrance located on the symmetrical five bay facade is framed by paired pilasters separated by side lights and carrying a pediment. A similar entrance is found on the east elevation, also five bays long. A two story rear ell may have existed as a separate house in the mid-eighteenth century.

The Leslie Davis House (#242) is a one and one half story bungalow constructed in 1904 in a style unique to this district. A wide, triple window in a shed roof dormer is central to the facade. A one story porch extending across the facade was enclosed in 1971.

The neighboring Richardson-Davis House (#36) is a one and one half story ridge-roof, clapboard structure, built prior to 1845, with gable ends to the side. This was designed as a double house, containing two mirror image residences which shared a common room in the middle of the east section.

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The John Wilson House (#245), located on the eastern edge of this district, was constructed in 1894 in the Queen Anne style. This two story clapboard building rises to a slate covered hipped roof. Flanked by projecting end pavillions, the facade has an octagonal turret with a pyramidal roof. An open porch extends across part of the facade.

The Parkhurst Tailor Shop (#264), an 1894 Colonial Revival structure, is a two story clapboard structure enclosed by a hipped roof. Atypically, the facade has three entries, asymmetrically placed which are protected by a full length Doric piazza. One of the few masonry structures in the district, All Saints Episcopal Church (#247) is a Gothic Revival building constructed of grey random fieldstone with dressed granite trim. Build in stages between 1879 and 1889, it is asymmetrical in plan with a steep gabled roof. A large rose window is located in the west gable. A square, buttressed and crenelated tower with paired pointed arches beneath the battlements on each elevation was added to the eastern end of the church in 1888.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☒ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☒ 1800-1899	☒ COMMERCE	☒ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☒ INDUSTRY	☒ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Chelmsford Center Historic District possesses integrity of setting, design, materials and workmanship and is significant as the hub of town activities since its settlement in the seventeenth century. While little of its earliest character remains, the wide range of architectural styles provide tangible evidence of the town's economic and social growth during the eighteenth and particularly the nineteenth centuries. Despite an extremely rapid growth rate in recent years which has obliterated the character of the surrounding farmland, Chelmsford Center has remained relatively unchanged, in part as the result of its status as a local historical district.

This district began to assume its present role as town center in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries when it was chosen as the site for several public buildings and common areas. The town's first meetinghouse, serving religious and civic needs, was erected here, on common lands between 1659 and 1660. Rebuilt in 1712 and again in 1792, it assumed its present form as the Greek Revival First Parish Unitarian Church (#213) in 1842. Although the town was no longer directly concerned with the support of religion at that time, it did pay for the high brick basement, occupied by town offices until the present Town Hall (#225) was constructed on the opposite side of common. In the late 17th century the common land west of the meeting house was set aside as a cemetery which today contains markers bearing dates as early as 1690 as well as the graves of forty five Revolutionary War soldiers. Townsmen gathered on the common east of the meetinghouse on April 19, 1775 before proceeding to the Battle of Concord. Three and one-half rods of land at the north corner of the burying ground were donated by townsman William Fletcher in 1718 for the town's first school house. The present schoolhouse (#1) was constructed on the same site in 1802 and now is the oldest town owned building in Chelmsford. William Parker, who was one of the teachers at this school, later became founder and president of the Academy of Medicine in New York City.

Several other buildings within the district possess particularly important local associations:

The Hezekiah Packard House (#29) was built by the Reverend Hezekiah Packard during his ministry in 1794. Packard, who served in the Continental Army during most of the Revolutionary War, subsequently attended Harvard College and met John Quincy Adams. While living in this house he founded the town's first Social Library in 1794. A later owner, the Reverend Wilkes Allen, wrote the town's first history while living here in 1820.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 35 Acres (approximately)

QUADRANGLE NAME Billerica

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 9 3 06 5 90 47 1 9 1 0 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B 1 9 3 07 2 40 47 1 8 7 0 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 1 9 3 07 2 20 47 1 8 3 60

D 1 9 3 06 5 35 47 1 8 4 05

E

F

G

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please refer to the boundary delineated on the attached assessor's map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator
ORGANIZATION

with

John Richardson, and
Jane Drury, of the
Chelmsford Historical Commission

Massachusetts Historical Commission
STREET & NUMBER

DATE

July 1979

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street
CITY OR TOWN

(617) 727-8470
STATE

Boston,

Massachusetts 02108

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Peter H. Waskowski

10/24/79

DATE

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

for Bill Lebovich

DATE Feb 20, 1980

ATTEST: Bruce Mac Dougal

DATE 2/15/80

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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The oldest house in the district is the Episcopal parsonage (#24) part of which was built prior to 1775 on a site one mile to the east. About 1830 it was moved to its present site by Otis Bailey, a bookbinder. From 1868-1882 part of the first floor was used as a chapel by the group which became the first organized Episcopal Parish in Chelmsford. In 1882, All Saint's Episcopal Church (#247) was built and the house became the Rectory. The Reverend Wilson Waters D.D., rector of the church for 41 years wrote another history of Chelmsford while living here in 1917 and was also one of the organizers of the local historical society.

The Winn-Emerson House (#37), constructed c.1804, was owned by Deacon Otis Adams, a prominent town leader and primary advocate for the erection of a Revolutionary War Monument on the common in 1859. During Adams ownership the Chelmsford School for the Deaf was opened in the left front chamber in 1866. The school was the first in the country to teach deaf mutes to speak and read lips using a purely oral method. One of the pupils was Mabel Hubbard who later married Alexander Graham Bell. The invention of the telephone was based on his experience in producing graphic presentations of speech inflections as a graphic aid for the deaf. The school was renamed the Clarke School for the Deaf when it moved to Northampton in 1867.

The J.P. Emerson House (#38), constructed c.1835 on the common, was still owned by the Emerson family and used as a working farm as late as 1975 until it was sold to the town for expansion of municipal offices.

In 1901, C. George Armstrong and Simeon H. White erected a building of brick with a wooden second story on the site of the burnt-out ruins of a machine shop owned by Armstrong's brother-in-law, John Byfield. Under the name of the Sussex Mineral Spring Company, the partners produced ginger ale and beer using pure water piped from a then never failing spring about a half a mile away. In 1908 Armstrong became sole owner, changing the business name first to the Chelmsford Spring Company and later to the Chelmsford Ginger Ale Company (#209). Under the new management, Chelmsford Ginger Ale enjoyed an international reputation and, as the business grew, the building expanded. A disastrous fire on November 20, 1912 destroyed most of the building. Due to lack of water the center of town was threatened for a time until help arrived from neighboring cities and towns. Bottling was resumed three weeks later in the part of the building left standing, with company offices set up in the Odd Fellows Building. The present building, built of fireproof materials to prevent another disaster, was completed during 1913 and 1914. The fire at the Chelmsford Spring Company and the efforts of C. George Armstrong and others led to the establishment of the Chelmsford Center Water District in 1913. The Chelmsford Ginger Ale Company was bought out by

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Canada Dry Ginger Ale in 1931 and operated in Chelmsford until 1959. Chelmsford
Ginger Ale is still being bottled in Waltham, Massachusetts in 1978.

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Chelmsford Center Historic District Boundary Justification

The Boundaries for the Chelmsford Center Historic District have been selected to include the greatest concentration of historic structures in the traditional town center as possible. They are substantially the same as those of the local historic district established in 1975. The exceptions are as follows:

A group of modern intrusions in the northeast corner have been excluded from the National Register district; the Gingerale Factory has been added to the National Register district.

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DATE REC'D FEB 14 1980

 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

177 INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

 TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

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Property Chelmsford Center Historic Dist.

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the district represents a compact village center with primarily late 18^c and predominantly 19^c residential institutional and commercial structures. Intrusions are minimal.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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New Day
1/10/80*

A local historic district is ^{NST} cotermious with the N.R. district.

ARCHEOLOGIST

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION REFERENCING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN N.R. AND LOCAL DISTRICT REC'd 2/14/80

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REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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BRANCH CHIEF

I concur with Bruce's reasons.

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C. Brown*

KEEPER

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looking NW; Westford St. PHOTO #1
1st Parish Unitarian Church (#213)

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Photo #1
Looking Northwest
Westford Street
FIRST PARISH UNITARIAN CHURCH

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Looking northwest; Westford St.
1802 School House
(#1) PHOTO #2

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Looking Northwest
1802 SCHOOLHOUSE

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LOOKING WEST; WESTFORD ST.
HEZEKIAH PACKARD HOUSE #3

LOOKING WEST: WESTFORD ST.
HEZEKIAH PACKARD HOUSE PHOTO #3
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LOOKING WEST: WORTHEN ST
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LOOKING WEST: WORTHEN ST.
SAMUEL DAVIS/RUSSELL HOUSE
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West: Worthen Street

SAMUEL DAVIS/RUSSELL HOUSE

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looking NW; Worthen St.
Dr. Samuel Dutton House
(#28)

PHOTO
#5

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Northwest: Worthen Street
DR. SAMUEL DUTTON HOUSE

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LOOKING WEST: NORTH ROAD PHOTO
MIDDLESEX CANAL TOLL HOUSE (#2) # 6

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West: North Road
MIDDLESEX CANAL TOLL HOUSE

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PHOTO
Looking N: Academy St. #7
Winn / Emerson House (#37)

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North: Academy Street
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looking E: North Rd. PHOTO
J. P. Emerson House (#38) #8

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Photo # 8
East: North Road
J. P. EMERSON HOUSE

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looking NE: North Rd.
Richardson / Davis House (#36)

PHOTO
#9

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Photo #9
Northeast: North Road
Richardson/Davis House

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LOOKING EAST: NORTH ROAD
CHELMSFORD TOWN HALL (#225)
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East: North Road
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looking northwest: Central Sq + Chelmsford St
Parkhurst Store (# 205) PHOTO # 11

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Northwest: Central Square and
Chelmsford Street
PARKHURST STORE

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1977 Co.



LOOKING NORTHWEST: PHOTO
CHELMSFORD STREET No. 12
KITREDGE/SWEETSER HOUSE (#206)

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Northwest: Chelmsford Street
KITREDGE/SWEETER HOUSE

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LOOKING EAST: CHELMSFORD STREET
KITTRIDGE/HOWARD HOUSE (#207)
PHOTO #13

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East: Chelmsford Street
KITTRIDGE/HOWARD HOUSE

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The Old Landmark
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One Chelmsford Street

CHURCH
STREET
1900

looking NE: Billerica + Chelmsford
Streets
Episcopal Parsonage (24) PHOTO #14

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Northeast: Corner Billerica & Chelmsford
Streets.

EPISCOPAL PARSONAGE

Middlesex
Co.

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LOOKING EAST: CENTRAL SQUARE
FISKE HOUSE (#25)
PHOTO #15

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East: Central Square
FISKE HOUSE

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looking SW: Littleton Rd. PHOTO
Chelmsford Ginger Ale Co (#209) #16
1928 OFFICE FACADE DETAIL

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Southwest: Littleton Road
CHELMSFORD GINGER ALE CO.
(1928 office facade detail)

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looking SW: Littleton Rd. - Chelmsford Ginger Ale Co. (#209)
Forefathers' Cemetery in foreground PHOTO # 17

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Southwest: Littleton Road

CHELMSFORD GINGER ALE CO.

FOREFATHERS CEMETERY (foreground)

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1978



looking SE, left to right. Unitarian Chapel + Church, Fiske House, Wilson Block,
Central House Stables, corner of Service Station. Forefathers' Cemetery in foreground
LITTLETON ROAD FROM BURYING GROUND PHOTO # 18

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Photo # 18

Littleton Road from Burying Ground - S.E.
Left to Right..Unitarian Chapel & Church;
Fiske House; Wilson Block/Central House;
Central House Stables; corner of Service
Station; Forefathers' Cemetery in fore-
ground.

1978



looking NE, left to right: Day House, Edw. Robbins House, Samuel Davis House, Central
Cong. Church spire, Smith/Weatherbee House PHOTO #19
WESTFORD AND WORTHEN STREETS FROM BRIDGE STREET

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Westford & Worthen Sts. from Bridge Street.
Looking N.E., left to right..portion of
Day House & Edward Robbins House; Samuel
Davis/Russell House; Central Cong. Church
spire; Smith/Weatherbee House.

1978



looking SW, left to right, Patrick Haley House, Daniel E. Haley House, Day House,
Edw. Robbins House
WESTFORD STREET

PHOTO #20

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Chelmsford, Massachusetts

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Looking S.W., left to right...Patrick
Haley House; Daniel E. Haley House;
Day House; Edward Robbins House.

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looking NE, left to right: Day House, Ward House, Central Baptist Church,
Patrick Haley House
BRIDGE STREET TO WESTFORD STREET PHOTO #21

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Photo #21

Middlesex Co.

Bridge St. to Westford Street looking N.E.
left to right...corner of Day House; Ward
House; Central Baptist Church; Patrick
Haley House.

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looking E, left to right: Episcopal Parsonage, spire of Episcopal Church,
buildings out of district, Eustace B. Fiske House. PHOTO # 22
BILLERICA ROAD FROM CHELMSFORD STREET

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Photo #22

Billerica Rd. from Chelmsford Street
looking E., left to right..Episcopal
Parsonage; spire of Episcopal Church,
buildings (late 19th century) out of
district; Eustace B. Fiske House.

1978



looking SW, left to right: Kittredge/Howard House, Parkhurst Tailor Shop, corner of
Episcopal Parsonage, Fiske House, Odd Fellows Building, buildings out of district
CHELMSFORD STREET PHOTO # 23

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Chelmsford Street looking Southwest, left
to right..Kittredge/Howard House; Parkhurst
Tailor Shop; corner of Episcopal Parsonage;
Fiske House, Odd Fellows Building; building
out of district.

1978



looking SW, left to right: Kittredge/Howard House, Parkhurst Tailor Shop, Fiske House,
Odd Fellows Building, buildings out of district PHOTO #24
CHELMSFORD STREET

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Looking Southwest, left to right..Kittredge/
Howard House; Parkhurst Tailor Shop;
Fiske House; Odd Fellows Building;
buildings out of district.

1978



looking W, left to right: Canal Toll House, 1802 School House, Central Bapt. Church +
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ACADEMY STREET FROM NORTH ROAD

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Photo # 25

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Academy Street from North Rd. looking W.,
left to right..Canal Toll House; 1802
School House; Central Baptist Church &
Parish House; Baptist Parsonage; Winn/
Emerson House.

1978



looking NE, left to right: Winn/Emerson House, Rev. War Monument, Canal Toll House, Center Fire
Station, Leslie Davis House, Forefathers' Cemetery in foreground. PHOTO # 26
NORTH ROAD FROM WESTFORD ST.

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North Rd. from Westford St., looking N.E.,
left to right..Winn/Emerson House; Rev.
War Monument; Canal Toll House; Center
Fire Station; Leslie Davis House;
Forefathers' Cemetery in foreground.

1978



looking NE: buildings out of district, Kittredge/Howard House,
Parkhurst Tailor Shop
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Photo #27 Middlesex Co.
Chelmsford Street looking northeast away
from district, left to right..buildings out
of district; Kittredge/Howard House; and
Parkhurst Tailor Shop.

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WESTFORD STREET

looking SE, left to right: Central Bapt. Church, Town Hall, Fiske House barn,
Fiske House, Unitarian Church + Chapel, 1802 School House PHOTO # 28

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Middlesex Co.

Westford Street, looking S.E., left to
right...corner of Central Baptist Church;
Town Hall; Fiske House barn; Fiske House;
Unitarian Church & Chapel; and 1802 School
House.

1978



WORTHEN STREET
looking SW, left to right: Nichols House, Edw. Robbins House, Samuel Davis
House, corner of Dr. Samuel Dutton House PHOTO # 29

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Worthen Street, looking S.W., left to right..
Nichols House; Edward Robbins House;
Samuel Davis/Russell House; corner of
Dr. Samuel Dutton House.

1978



PHOTO #30
Looking S. Westford St. - ADDITIONS
TO Unitarian Church - McFARLIN
CHAPEL AND SCHOOL WING - INTRUSION

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Looking South: Westford St. - addition to
Unitarian Church; McFarlin Chapel and school
wing - both are intrusions.

1977



looking NE: Worthen St. PHOTO
Central Cong. Church (#236) #31
INTRUSION

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Photo # 31

Looking Northeast: Worthen Street - Central
Congregational Church.

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Looking N: ACADEMY ST. - ADDITION TO
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH (#239) -
PARISH HOUSE - INTRUSION. PHOTO #32

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George A. Parkhurst
Chelmsford, Ma.

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Middlesex Co.
Looking North: Academy Street - addition
to Central Baptist Church; Parish House.

1977



Looking N: Academy St.
Baptist Parsonage (#240) PHOTO #33
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Looking North: Academy Street - Baptist
Parsonage.

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looking E: North Rd. PHOTO # 34
Center Fire Station (#241) -
INTRUSION

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Looking East: North Road - Center
Fire Station.

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Sandwich Shops

BIG JOES

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DANCE
STUDIO
256-5303

COBBLER
HUT
REPAIR

OSBORN
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ESTATE
256-4481

J.E.T.
Ministries

Looking NE: Central Sq
KIDDER GARAGE (#243) PHOTO
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Photo # 35
Looking Northeast: Central Square -
Kidder Garage.

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Chelmsford AUTO SUPPLY INC.

CHELMSFORD AUTO SUPPLY INC.
— PARKING —

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ARE

Looking W: Chelmsford St. PHOTO
Sweetser Building (#206) - #36
INTRUSION

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Chelmsford, Massachusetts

George A. Parkhurst
Chelmsford, MA

Photo # 36
Looking West: Chelmsford Street -
Sweetser Building.

Middlesex Co. 1977

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Looking SE: Littleton Rd. PHOTO
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Looking Southeast: Littleton Road -
Service Station.

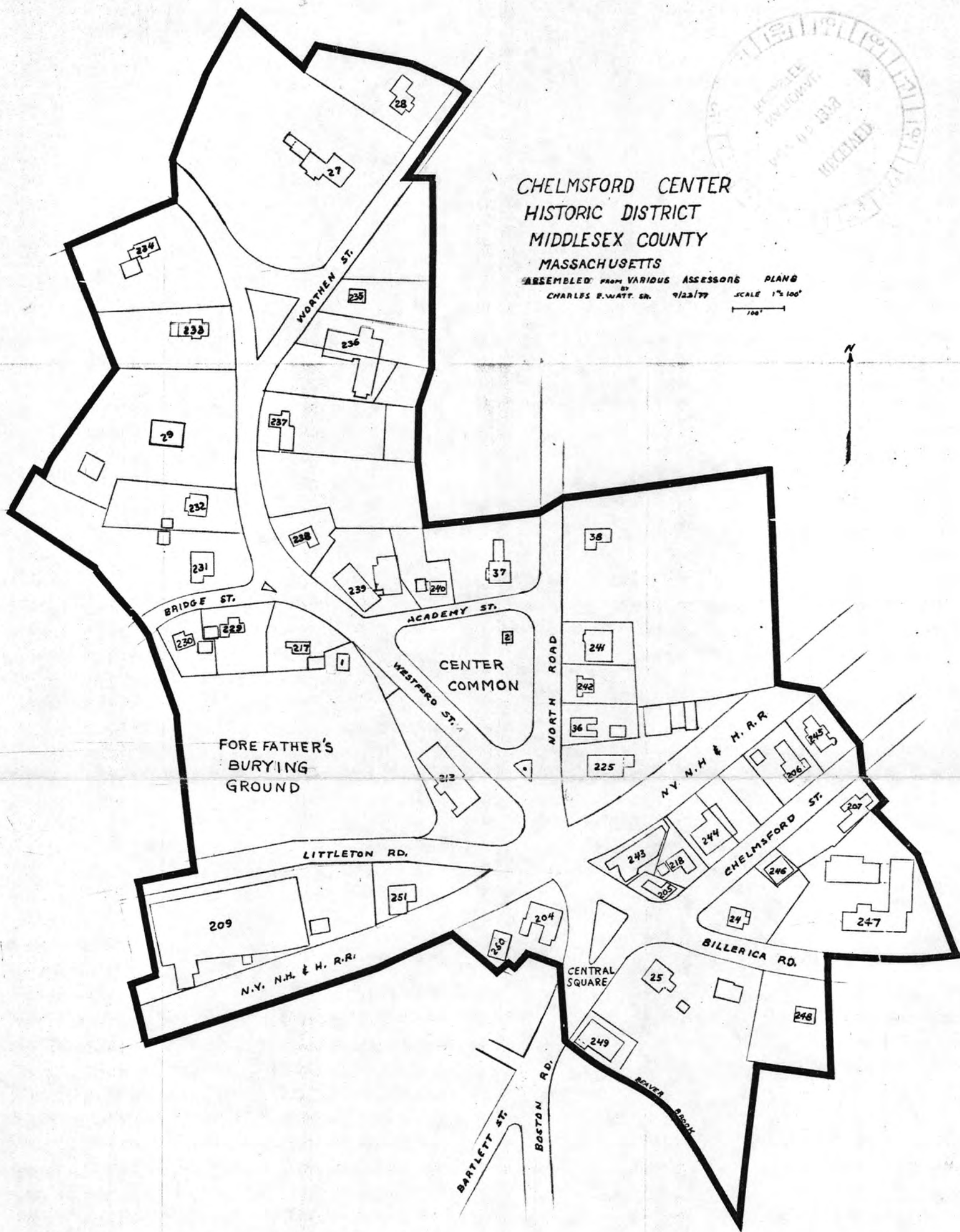
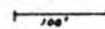
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CHELMSFORD CENTER
HISTORIC DISTRICT
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
MASSACHUSETTS

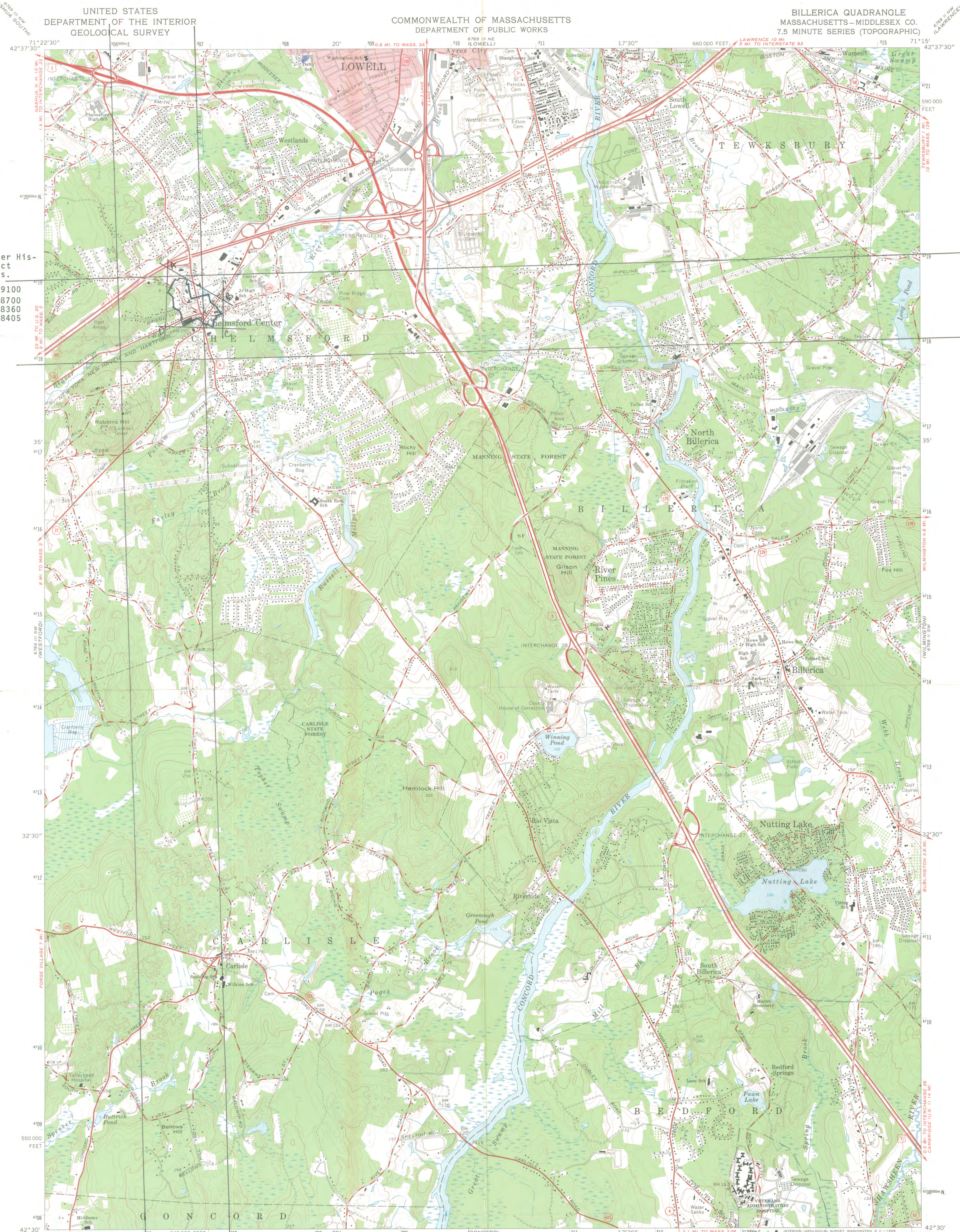
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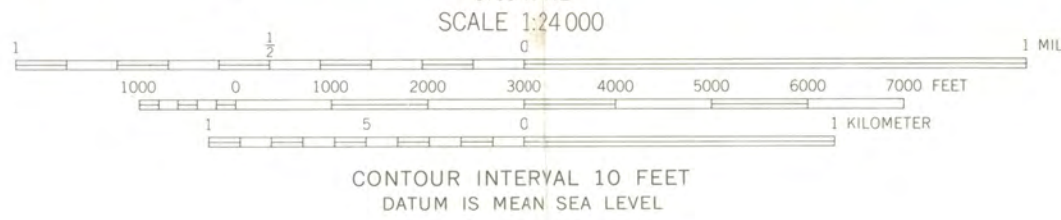
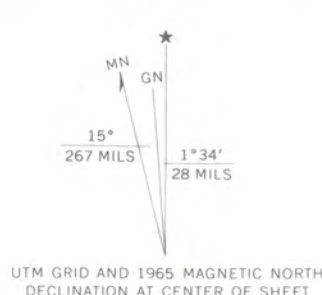
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Chelmsford, Mass.
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
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Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

BILLERICA, MASS.
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1965

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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

October 26, 1979

Mr. Ronald Greenberg, Acting Chief
Registration Barnch
OAHP, Heritage Conservation and
Recreation Service
440 G Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20243



Dear Mr. Greenberg:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Boston, Union Wharf
Chelmsford, Chelmsford Center Historic District
Peabody, O'Shea Building
Plymouth, Warren House
Quincy, Quincy Town Hall

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Boulding
Christine Boulding
Survey Director

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United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO: 661

NOV 27 1979

Dear Property Owner:

The property you own is located in a historic district that has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the government's official list of historic buildings and other cultural resources worthy of preservation. This nomination is pending in our office.

If your property is depreciable and the district is listed in the National Register, there are certain benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 that may apply to you. We are enclosing information about this law and a general description of the National Register program.

Soon we will be considering whether the district should be listed, using as our guidelines the "Criteria for Evaluation" shown in the enclosed material. If you wish to comment on whether the district should be listed, we would be pleased to hear from you. Send your comments within 30 days of the date of this letter to me, Carol D. Shull, Acting Keeper of the National Register, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243 (Attn: NOM). Please include the name of the district (as shown on the address label on this letter) and property address. If you have any questions about the National Register program or the enclosed material, you should also address them to me.

In the enclosed material you will note references to standards for rehabilitating old buildings. These standards are a list of do's and don'ts for people who are fixing up old buildings. If the owner of a building listed in the National Register, either individually or as part of a district, wishes to take advantage of the Tax Reform Act benefits, these standards must be followed. A copy of these standards is available from Technical Preservation Services, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243. Questions about the standards should also be addressed to that same office:

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull

Carol D. Shull

Acting Keeper of the National Register

P. E. Richardson
105 Canterbury Rd.
Oak Ridge, TN

RE: Chelmsford Center Historic District
*Winn/Emerson House, Academy St.
6 North Rd.*



Chelmsford Center Historic District

CHELMSFORD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

TOWN HALL
CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01824

11/20/79

MA

December 6, 1979

Carol D. Shull,
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Pension Building, 1440 G. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

RE: Chelmsford Center Historic District
1802 School House, Westford Street
Center Fire Station, 7 North Rd.
Middlesex Canal Toll House, Center Common

The Chelmsford Historic District Commission unanimously recommends that
the Center Historic District be listed in the National Register.

We also recommend that the 1802 School House, the Center Fire Station, and
the Middlesex Canal Toll House be included in the listing in the National
Register.

We hope you will keep this Commission informed as to the progress on this
project.

Sincerely,

CHELMSFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Paul J. Canniff

Paul J. Canniff, D.M.D.
Chairman

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CHICAGO, ILL.

Subject:

Re: memo from HNTB dated 11/15/79 regarding the proposed site

location.

The proposed site for the new home of the District in the historic

area is located at the 1205 School House, the former site of the

former Chicago Public Library building, the historic building.

The proposed historic building location is recommended by

the Chicago Public Library, the former site of the

former Chicago Public Library building, the historic building.

Re: proposed historic building location.

Very truly yours,

Director, Historic District Commission
Chicago, Illinois
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Re: proposed historic building location.

December 12, 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601

JOHN HUNT

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CHICAGO, ILL.



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Carol D. Shull, Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation Service
Department of the Interior, Pension Building
440 G Street N.W. Washington D.C. 20243
(Attention NOM)

17 High Street
Chelmsford, Mass. 01824
December 22, 1979

U.S. Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Washington D.C. 20243

Attention: Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register

Refer to No. 661

Re: Chelmsford Center Historic District
J.P. Emerson House , 11 North Road, Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Ma.

Dear Ms. Shull:

My property at 11 North Road includes the premises known as the J.P. Emerson House. This house is part of a large tract upon which there is a savings bank and on which more recently there has been constructed, with the approval of the Chelmsford Historic District Commission, and all other town authorities , a barn like structure to be used as a drive in banking facility. This facility was constructed so as to give the general appearance of a barn and to be in reasonable conformity with the historic preservation idea. It was also part of the project that the J.P. Emerson House would be preserved and would always look on the outside as a representative of the period of architecture which it represents. It was agreed, however that on the inside, there would be renovations suitable for professional offices or attractive office space for substantial firms. I willingly submitted my entire tract of land for historic district approval and we have made something in the center of our town of which all of us are proud. There has been an adaptation of land to productive use while at the same time meeting high environmental objectives and preservation of the historic aspect. That this sort of thing can be done on a sound financial basis we think is all important. In the future, and depending on the need, it may be desirable to place additional construction on the 3.2 acre tract on which the house is located. This proposal would not interfere with or affect the J.P. Emerson house itself.

I do not believe that it would be appropriate to take any action which would prevent further construction on the tract itself, at a point thirty(30) feet or more from the house itself, and under the approval of the local conservation and historic district commissions. I therefore request clarification of the proposal and I do object to a blanket inclusion of the entire tract in the classification as a historic place. If the idea is to limit this classification to the house itself, and if the house can be restored on the exterior and renovated for commercial use on the interior, I can see the usefulness of the latter concept. Kindly advise me what exactly is entailed in the proposal and I will further advise.

Very truly yours,

L. Roger Currier

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Name

Location

Chelmsford Center Historic District

Chelmsford
Middlesex County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul G. Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable James M. Shannon

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director, Massachusetts
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294 Washington Street
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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

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L. Rodger Currie
17 High Street
Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824

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Dear Mr. Currie:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 1979, concerning the nomination of the Chelmsford Center Historic District, Middlesex County, Massachusetts to the National Register of Historic Places.

We apologize for not responding sooner. The Chelmsford Center Historic District was entered in the National Register on February 20, 1980. Listing in the National Register does not prohibit a private property owner from constructing additional buildings on his property. However, future construction may have an effect on the integrity of the Chelmsford Center Historic District which could result in a reconsideration of the boundaries of the historic district. You may wish to consult with the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer about this matter. This official is Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski, Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know. We appreciate your interest in the National Register.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull (Sd. 1)

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National
Register

cc: Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski, SHPO, MA

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