

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town/City: Chelmsford

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

Photograph



Address: 152 Main Street

Historic Name: Joseph and Margaret Qussy House

Uses: Present: single-family residence

Original: single-family residence

Date of Construction: ca. 1881

Source: Town Tax records

Style/Form: Greek Revival/Italianate

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding/vinyl

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Ca. 1980 side addition

Ca. 2000 replacement siding and windows

Ca. 2000 rear deck addition

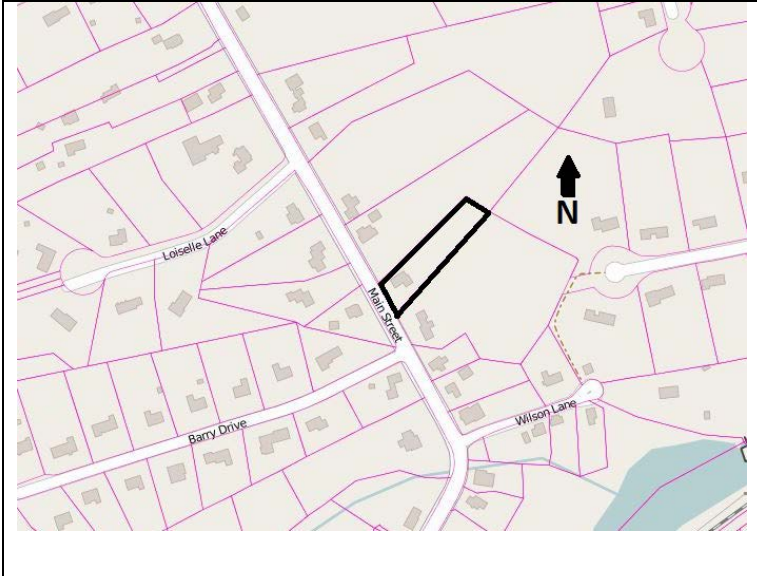
Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .62 A

Setting: The house is located approximately 35' northeast of Main St. An asphalt-paved driveway is along the southeast side of the house. The front and rear yards are flat and grassy with mature trees along the perimeter. The surrounding area includes 19th and 20th c. residential development.

Locus Map



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Organization: Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): June 2016

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CHELMSFORD

152 MAIN STREET

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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.

The 1.5-story house has a granite foundation, asphalt-shingled front gable roof with gable returns, and is clad in replacement vinyl siding with vinyl trim. An internal brick chimney is located near the rear of the northwest roof slope. Windows throughout the building are replacement one-over-one, double-hung windows. The primary (southwest) façade is three bays wide with two single windows on the half story. The first story includes single windows in the north and center bays and the main entry the south bay. The entry includes a replacement entry door and a storm door sheltered by a flat roof hood with decorative scrolled brackets. The northwest wall is three bays deep with a window in each bay. The southeast wall is two bays deep with single windows in the bays of the first story. The half story features an octagonal casement addition in the west bay and a front gable with gable returns wall dormer in the east bay that features a single window. A ca. 1980, one-story addition is located at the rear of the southeast wall. The addition has a concrete foundation, side gable roof, and is clad in replacement siding. The addition is two bays wide with an entry in the north bay and a casement window flanked by smaller one-over-one, double-hung windows in the south bay. The addition is two bays deep with single windows in each bay. A modern deck has also been added to the rear of the house.

This house is similar in design to the house next door at 148 Main Street, which was also owned by the same owners through 1881.

The building is an altered example of a mid-nineteenth century residence that retains historic integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association.

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.

Deed research traced the ownership history of the property to 1881 when John McAuliffe sold a half-acre portion of his land to Joseph Quessy, who married John's daughter Margaret. Town tax records for 1881 list that Quessy had an unfinished house at this date. McAuliffe owned six acres in total in this area, but this parcel was subdivided to become 152 Main Street and later a three-acre portion was subdivided to become 146 Main Street. Since the building is similar in design to that at 148 Main Street, it appears this house was constructed at approximately the same date. The 1875 map of West Chelmsford does not include this area, but a building is at this location on the 1889 map. The 1881 deed granting the property does not mention a building, but the price of \$200 for a half-acre suggests a building was included with the land. The 1880 US Population Census lists Quessy (ca. 1838-1895, born in Canada) living in Chelmsford with wife Margaret (ca. 1842-1898, born in Ireland), children John, Annie, and Emma, and a boarder named John Campbell. At this date Joseph, son John, and boarder John all worked in the file shop. After Joseph's death in ca. 1895, the property was granted to Margaret and after her death in ca. 1898, the property was granted to the heirs of Joseph and Margaret. In 1917 the heirs granted the property to Annie M. (née Quessy) and John H. Craig. The Craigs did not live at this address, however, as the 1920 Census gives their address in Ayer, MA. By 1951 the Craigs had passed (no exact death dates were discovered) and the property passed to Emma McGlinchey (née Quessy). That year Blanche McGlinchey granted the property to Raymond McGlinchey (1910-1964), who was the son of Emma and Peter McGlinchey (the relation to Blanche is unknown). City directory research shows that Raymond did not live at this address. After Raymond's death in 1964, the property reverted to Blanche. City directory research shows that Blanche lived in Nashua, NH and Lowell, but never at this address. City directory research suggests that Gus and Adelaide Johnson lived at this address from ca. 1931 through the late 1960s. The earlier directories only list the Johnsons on Main Street, so it is not possible to know at which address. The 1942 directory, however, does list them at 152 Main Street with Gus working as an operator. In 1973 Blanche sold the property to Ronald H. Loiselle, who in turn sold it in 1979 to current owner Frederick L. Carroll.

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible Eligible **only** in a historic district
- Contributing to a potential historic district Potential historic district

Criteria: **A** **B** **C** **D**

Criteria Considerations: **A** **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G**

Statement of Significance

The area of West Chelmsford is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places as a locally significant historic district under Criterion A for the development of this area around the Roby Manufacturing Company and Chelmsford Woolen Mills as well as under Criterion C for its intact examples of mid-nineteenth through early twentieth century residential architecture. The boundary of the proposed district would include resources built during the period of significance along Main Street from approximately Loiselle Lane in the north to the Westford Town Line, as well as resources along School Street between Main Street and Graniteville Road. This building at 152 Main Street would be a contributing resource to that district as an example of residential architecture constructed during its period of significance that retains some historic integrity.

152 Main st.



Property Information

Property ID 28-104-9
Location 152 MAIN ST
Owner DUFFTY JONATHAN L &



**MAP FOR REFERENCE ONLY
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Data updated Daily

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152 Main Street
Deed Summary

DATE	BK/PG	NAMES	DESCRIPTION
Feb 22 2019	32785/1	Carroll to Duffy	Frederick L. and Joanne M. Carroll, husband and wife of N. Chelmsford to Johnathan M. and Caley A. Duffy, husband and wife, tenants of the entirety, 22 Carlisle Rd., Westford, the land and buildings on the Easterly side of Main St. described as: Beginning on the Easterly side of the road at a stone bound at land of, now or former, John McAuliffe; thence running in a straight line Easterly along McAuliffe land to a stone bound at land, now or formally, of John N. Perry and now or formerly, of Christopher Roby, deceased; thence Westerly on Perry and Roby land to a stone bound at road; thence Northerly along road to point of the beginning. Containing .5 Acre
Nov. 9 1973	2374/144	Loiselle to Carroll	Ronald J. Loiselle to Frederick L. and Joanne M. Carroll, husband and wife, tenants in the entirety of 152 Main St., W. Chelmsford a certain lot of land with buildings situated on the Easterly side of road leading from W. Chelmsford to N. Chelmsford described as: Beginning on the Easterly side of the road at a stone bound at land of, now or former, John McAuliffe; thence running in a straight line Easterly along McAuliffe land to a stone bound at land, now or formally, of John N. Perry and now or formerly, of Christopher Roby, deceased; thence Westerly on Perry and Roby land to a stone bound at road; thence Northerly along road to point of the beginning. Containing .5 Acre
May 27 1977	2248/382	Dearth Cert.	Peter J. McGlincy, husband to Emma Quessy, died November 2, 1936 on Main St. Chelmsford of Cerebral Hemorrhage, stone cutter, 68 years old.

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Nov 9 1973	2097/417	McGlinchey to Loiselle	Blanche E. McGlinchey to Ronald J. Loiselle, 1 Barry Dr., West Chelmsford, a certain lot of land with buildings situated on the Easterly side of road leading from West Chelmsford to North Chelmsford described as: Beginning on the Easterly side of the road at a stone bound at land of, now or formerly of, John McAuliffe; thence running in a straight line Easterly by McAuliffe land to a stone bound at the wall; thence Southerly , still by McAuliffe land to a stone bound, now or formally of, John N. Perry and formerly of Christopher Roby, deceased; thence Westerly on Perry and Roby land to a stone bound at road; thence Northerly along road to point of the beginning. Containing .5 Acre. I derive my title as the only heir at law of my late husband, Leo J. McGlinchey of Chelmsford. Middlesex Probate #434825
Dec 19 1951	1194/93	McGlinchy to McGlinchy	Emma McGlinchy aka Emma Quessy, widow of Peter McGinchy of Chelmsford to Raymond McGlincy of Chelmsford the land and buildings situated in that part of Chelmsford called West Chelmsford, on the easterly side of the road leading from West Chelmsford to North Chelmsford, containing about 1/2 acre. Beginning on the easterly side of the road at a stone bound at land now or formerly of John McAuliffe; thence running in a straight line Easterly by McAuliffe land to a stone bound at a wall; thence on the wall Southerly , still by McAuliffe land to a stone bound at land now or formerly of John N. Perry and of Christopher Roby, deceased; thence Westerly on Perry and Roby land to a stone bound at the road; thence Northerly on the road to the point of beginning. My title is derived under the will of John H. Craig, late of Ayer, MA.

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Apr 7 1917	596/324	Quessy to Craig	George N. Quessy of Ayer to Annie M. (Quessy) Criag of Ayer the land and buildings located in West Chelmsford. Located on the easterly side of the road from West Chelmsford to North Chelmsford, containing 1/2 acre of land described as: Beginning on the easterly side of the road at a stone bound at land now or formerly of John McAuliffe; thence running in a straight line Easterly by McAuliffe land to a stone bound at a wall; thence on the wall Southerly , still by McAuliffe land to a stone bound at land now or formerly of John N. Perry and of Christopher Roby, deceased; thence Westerly on Perry and Roby land to a stone bound at the road; thence Northerly on the road to the point of beginning. For my title see the will of my father Joseph J. Quessy. Johanna Quessy, wife.
Feb 15 1898	295/201	Quessy to Quessy	John Quessy of Chelmsford to Annie M. Quessy, Emma M. Quessy and George N. Quessy all of Chelmsford a lot of land with the buildings situated in West Chelmsford on the easterly side of the road leading from West to North Chelmsford containing 1/2 acre. Described as: Beginning on the easterly side of the road at a stone bound at land now or formerly of John McAuliffe; thence running in a straight line Easterly by McAuliffe land to a stone bound at a wall; thence on the wall Southerly , still by McAuliffe land to a stone bound at land now or formerly of John N. Perry and of Christopher Roby, deceased; thence Westerly on Perry and Roby land to a stone bound at the road; thence Northerly on the road to the point of beginning. Annie, Emma, George and John are only surviving children of heir in law of Joseph G. Quessy and the lately deceased mother Maggie Quessy. Effie B. Quessy wife of John.

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Aug 10 1881 211/422

John W. McAuliffe of Chelmsford to Joseph G Quessy of Chelmsford a certain tract or parcel of land situated in West Chelmsford and described as: Beginning on the easterly side of the road at a stone bound at land now or formerly of John McAuliffe; thence running in a straight line **Easterly** by McAuliffe land to a stone bound at a wall; thence **Southerly** by the wall, still by McAuliffe land to a stone bound at land now or formerly of John N. Perry and of Christopher Roby; thence **Westerly** on Perry and Roby land to a stone bound at Joseph G. Quessy land; thence **Northerly** by Quessy land to a stone bound on the road; thence **Northerly** by the road to the point of beginning. Free from all encumbrances except a mortgage held by Alvira Wright and Mrs. S. T. Wright and the premises is leased for 5 years to A.S. Paterson. Hannah McAuliffe, wife of John McAuliffe.

152 Main Street
Taxes

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	YEAR	DIST/PR EC	PG/ LINE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	VALUE	LAND DESCRIPTION	SIZE/ ACRE	VALUE
2	1936		-/5	Craig	Annie (596/324)	Dwelling	\$1,500.00	Main St.	.5	\$175.00
3						Hen House	\$25.00			
4	1935		-/37	Craig	Annie (596/324)	Dwelling	\$1,500.00	Main St.	.5	\$175.00
5						Hen House	\$25.00			
6	1934		-/13	Craig	Annie (596/324)	Dwelling	\$1,500.00	Main St.	.5	\$175.00
7						Hen House	\$25.00			
8	1933		42/31	Craig	Annie (596/324)	Dwelling	\$1,500.00	Main St.	.5	\$175.00
9						Hen House	\$25.00			
10	1932		41/43	Craig	Annie (596/324)	Dwelling	\$1,500.00	Main St.	.5	\$175.00
11						Hen House	\$25.00			
12	1931		45/29	Craig	Annie (596/324)	Dwelling	\$1,500.00	Main St.	.5	\$175.00
13						Hen House	\$25.00			
14	1930		35/42	Craig	Annie (596/324)	Dwelling	\$1,500.00	Main St.	.5	\$175.00
15						Hen House	\$25.00			
16	1925		50/6	Craig	Annie (596/324)	Dwelling	\$1,500.00	Main St.	.5	\$175.00
17						Hen House	\$25.00			
18	1920	prec 8	51/33	Craig	Annie (596/324)	Dwelling	\$1,350.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$175.00
19						Hen House	\$10.00			
20	1919	Dist 9	36/25	Craig	Annie (596/324)	Dwelling	\$1,075.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$175.00
21						Hen House	\$10.00			
22	1918	Dist 9	142/7	Quessy	Joseph, Heirs & Devises	Dwelling	\$1,075.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$175.00
23						Hen House	\$10.00			
24	1917	Dist 9	145/7	Quessy	Joseph, Heirs & Devises	Dwelling	\$1,075.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$175.00
25						Hen House	\$10.00			
26	1916	Dist 9	139/7	Quessy	Joseph, Heirs	Dwelling	\$1,075.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$175.00
27						Hen House	\$10.00			
28	1915	Dist 9	/6 /8	Quessy	John. J. Joseph, Heirs	Poll Tax Dwelling	\$2.00 \$1,075.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$175.00
29						Hen House	\$10.00			
30	1910	Dist 9	/75	Quessy	Joseph, Heirs	Dwelling	\$1,075.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$175.00
31						Hen House	\$10.00			
32	1905	Dist 9	74/17	Quessy	Joseph, Est. of	Dwelling	\$1,100.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$100.00
33						Hen House	\$10.00			
34			74/20		J.J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
	YEAR	DIST/ PREC	PG/LINE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	VALUE	LAND DESCRIPTION	SIZE/ ACRE	VALUE

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35										
36	1900	9/3	74/14	Quessy	Annie M.	Dwelling	\$750.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$100.00
37			74/16	Quessy	John J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
38	1899	9/3	67/41	Quessy	Annie M.	Dwelling	\$750.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$100.00
39			67/42		John J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
40	1898	9/3	65/12	Quessy	Annie M. Miss	Dwelling	\$725.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$100.00
41			65/14		John J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
	1897	9/3	57/18	Quessy	Joseph G. Es, Monahan, John Admin. To Be Set To Annie M. Quessy	Dwelling	\$725.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$100.00
42					John J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
43	1896	9/3	57/19 49/28	Quessy	Joseph G. Es, Monahan, John Admin.	Dwelling	\$725.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$100.00
44					John J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
45			49/30		John J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
46	1895	9/3	53/19	Quessy	Joseph G.	Dwelling	\$725.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$100.00
47			53/20		John J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
	1890	9/3	53/36	Quessy	Joseph G.	Dwelling	\$725.00	Home Improved Land (House)	.5	\$75.00
48										
49	1888	9/3	58/35	Quessy	Joseph G.	Dwelling	\$850.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$100.00
50			58/37		John J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
51	1887	9/3	57/27	Quessy	Joseph G.	Dwelling	\$900.00	Home improved Land	.5	\$100.00
52			57/28		John J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
53	1886	9/-	65/30	Quessy	Joseph G.	Dwelling	\$900.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$100.00
54			65/31		John J.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
55	1885	9/-	48/28	Quessy	Joseph G.	Dwelling	\$900.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$100.00
	1881	9/-	-/37	Quessy	Joseph G.	Dwelling (unfinished)	\$400.00	Home Improved Land	.5	\$70.00
56										
57	1880	9/-	37/33	Quessy	Joseph G.	Poll Tax	\$2.00			

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Resident List

YEAR	BOOK	PG	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	AGE	NOTES
1896	Low Sub	170	Quessy	John J. Maggie	Blacksmith widow of Joseph G		h School n Main WC h Main n School WC
1898		187	Quessy	Annie Miss Emma Miss Maggie	mill operator widow of Joseph G		h Main n School WC h Main n School WC died March 18, 1896
1905		190	Quessy	Emma M. Miss John J.	Blacksmith		removed to Westford h Main n School WC
		215		John J.	Chelmsford		appt Constable 3-4-1904
1915		231	Quessy	Hilda B. John J.	blacksmith		B J.J. Quessy h Main n School WC
		249		John J.	Special Police Force		Town of Chelmsford
1917			Quessy	Hilda B. John J.			remove to Lowell removed to Lowell
		214		John J.	Special Police Officer		Town of Chelmsford
1921			none				
1951			McGlinchy	Raymond Jr			did not live in 152 Main

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				Emma Miss	mill operator		h Main n School WC
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