

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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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: 33 School Street

Historic Name: Walter and Mildred Wilkins House

Uses: Present: single-family dwelling

Original: single-family dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1940

Source: Deed research

Style/Form: Garrison Colonial

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood siding/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Detached garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Ca. 2000 replacement windows

Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 1.06 A

Setting: The is located approximately 35' southwest of School St. An asphalt drive to the south of the house leads to the detached garage in the rear. Landscaping around the house is flat and grassy, but the lot includes several mature trees. The mailbox post is granite. The surrounding area includes 19th and 20th c. residential development.

Locus Map



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Date (*month / year*): June 2016

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CHELMSFORD

33 SCHOOL 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.

This two-story building is located on the west side of School Street, just north of Naylor Avenue. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the exterior walls are clad with wood clapboard with wood trim. The house rests atop a stone foundation. The house follows a rectangular plan and includes a small, one-story, gabled extension at the southern end of the house. The primary (northeast) façade faces toward School Street. The façade is divided into four bays with the front entrance located in the second bay from the southern half of the house. The second story overhangs the first story by roughly one foot. Fenestration consists of a combination of six-over-six and six-over-one double-hung and sliding windows. The double-hung windows appear to be replacements, but they have exterior storm windows that obscure detailing. A single, brick chimney is located in the southern end of the house. The northwest wall is three bays deep with single windows of various sizes in each of the bays. A modern wood deck is located along the rear of the house. The detached, two-car garage has a side gable roof, wood clapboard walls, and two modern garage doors.

The house is a fair example of a mid-twentieth century residence that retains historic integrity of location, setting, design, 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 1940 when Kathryn Priest sold it to Olga Boutilier. Less than one year later Boutilier sold the property to Walter (1905-1982) and Mildred (ca. 1908-1965) Wilkins. The 1942 city directory lists the family on School Street with Walter employed as a painter. After Mildred's passing in 1965, Walter granted the property to Walter, Jr. in 1968. In 1976 Walter, Jr. added his wife Leona to the deed. In 1983 when Wilkins sold the property, it marked the end of the 42-year ownership history of the Wilkins family. The property was sold three additional times after 1983.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Genealogical research, including U.S. and Massachusetts census records; birth, marriage, and death records; and city directory records from ancestry.com.

Middlesex North Registry of Deeds. www.lowelldeeds.com.