

FERN AVE., LONG ISLAND

100-D-1-2



**INSPECTION COPY**

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Complaint No. 46-98

**COMPLAINT**

Date received August 5, 1948

Location Born Avenue Long Island

### Use of Building

Use of Building \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's name and address M. Alcide Lowell, Fern Ave., Long Island

Tenant's name and address \_\_\_\_\_, Fern Ave., Long Island Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Complainant's name and address XMcD Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\* Complainant's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ WmCD Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Decedent \_\_\_\_\_

Description: Owner has converted a newly completed Telephone.

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(A) APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE

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Location Fern Ave. Long Island

Date Received 8/5/46

Date Disposed of

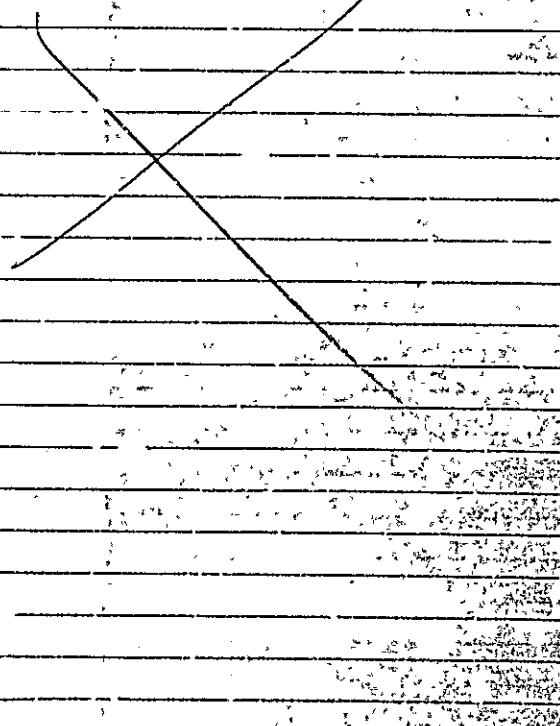
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Reference 46-710

Mr. McLean informed me

over the phone with Headwirth

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

This is to certify that the building at 704 Long Island, built under Building Permit No. 45-710, has been finally inspected and is now being occupied for the purposes of a cottage.

1/19/46

Inspector of Buildings

Issued to M. Alford Lovell

(See reverse side for conditions)

Bp 46/710-I

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May 1, 1946

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Mr. W. Alfred Lowell  
Long Island, Maine  
Katherine Harry  
Long Island, Maine

Subject: Stop order on work under permit 46/710 to  
cover construction of a building at Fern Avenue,  
Long Island (Assessors Lot No. 100-D-1)

Dear Sir & Madam:

Because some of the work is already being done in violation of the Building Code and contrary to the terms of the application for the permit, as authorized by Section 107a of the Building Code, you are hereby directed to discontinue all work on the project until the discrepancies can be straightened out. Continuation of work after such stop order is received is direct violation of the Building Code, and will have to be dealt with accordingly. It seems evident that Mr. Lowell must have started the work before receipt of the building permit since, although the permit was not issued until April 29, several of the concrete piers had been constructed and the sills had been laid when our inspector examined the job on April 30. We are not disposed to make any ado about that but the details in non-compliance with the Building Code must be made good.

Instead of sills  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches by 10 inches shown on the application for the permit, actually sills somewhat less than three inches by nine inches have been used under the sides of the building, and these are not allowable because the minimum size of sill permitted by the Building Code is four inches in nominal thickness—the nominal thickness being no less than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Apparently the sill will be less than six inches above the grade at some points and that is also not allowable.

We are not disposed to make it any harder than necessary for you, but it must be understood that you are to comply with the law, and if compliance is not found then whatever is wrong will have to be taken out and done over. On the application you have shown an 8x8 girder through the center under the floor, but actually you are using this same scant 3x9 with the 9 inches upright. The Building Code does not stipulate the minimum size of such a girder, and it turns out account of the small width of the building that this center girder—3x9—works out as to strength, so it can remain, but it is important that you shall not cut anything out of it.

It is necessary that you make a clear plan showing how the floor joists are to be supported upon the sills and girders and show the answers to all of the questions raised in my letter of April 29, then bring it up to the office, having made arrangements in advance to meet Mr. Hamilton at this office, and then go over the details with him. Until all these matters are cleared up and the stop order in this letter lifted, it is unlawful for you to proceed with any of the work.

Somewhere I have gotten the impression that part or all of this building may be used for some business purpose or for some purpose other than a cottage. Under the Zoning Ordinance this building may only be used for a habitation, and if either owner or builder has anythirg else in mind, it should be clearly stated on the application and is not allowable. This matter will also have to be cleared up before the stop order is lifted.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMCn/a

AP Fern Ave., Long Island  
Assessors Lot No. 100-A-18

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April 29, 1946

M. Alfred Lowell  
Long Island, Maine  
Katherine Parry  
Long Island, Maine

Subject: Building permit for construction of one-story frame cottage on Fern Avenue, Long Island.  
(Assessors Lot No. 100-A-18)

Dear Sir & Madam:

Assuming that Mr. Lowell is well informed about the details of framing of wooden buildings as contained in Section 511 of the Building Code, the above permit is issued to him, herewith, subject to the following:

1. It is important for him to realize that the detailed requirements of framing of buildings as contained in the Building Code are requirements of law which we cannot change but have to enforce. Therefore, if he is not sure of his familiarity with the requirements, he should examine them carefully before proceeding so that he may not go wrong and find it out only after part of the money has been spent.

2. The rough sketch filed here indicates that the end sills are to be supported above the sills under the sides, resting upon the latter. Although not forbidden by the Building Code, this is unusual construction. The usual way is to place the sills all at the one level and join them at the corners with a lap splice, and wherever they join elsewhere, making sure that all splices occur over piers. It is assumed that the 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 16 inch sills shown on the side walls are to be set with the 10-inch dimension upright, otherwise they would not be strong enough. All sills and the center girder are to be anchored to the piers by means of iron rods cast into the piers and then let up into the wooden member or equivalent.

3. The bottoms of the sills in every case are to be at least 6 inches above the finished grade of the ground, and the piers are to be extended to a clinch ledge with a flat bearing on the ledge, or else four feet below the finished surface of the ground. The piers under center girder are indicated as merely 6x8, but they must be no less than 10x10 at the bottoms of the piers.

4. I presume suitable tie beams are to be used across the building from plate to plate to offset the spreading tendency from the gable roof.

5. Especially called to Mr. Lowell's attention are the requirements that studs in outside walls are to be no less than 2x4 and the same applies to any bearing partitions that may be intended, recommended that all studs be spaced 16 inches from center to center instead of 18 as indicated so that if the building should ever be converted to a year-round dwelling it would comply with the requirements; that studs in exterior walls are to go clear down to the top of the sills to a bearing there instead of on the floor construction as shown; that corner posts are to also extend clear down to a bearing upon the tops of the sills; that no less than doubled 2x4 headers are required over doors and windows of ordinary width of opening and larger headers over openings wider than ordinary, in either case with 2x4 studs under each end of each header; that the windows shown in wide walls on the sketch are indicated as being much wider than usual and therefore will require extra heavy headers, especially because the load from the roof comes directly over the window and inch boards (normal thickness) or equivalent are required for such an opening in outside walls and bottoms of the sheathing, bearing weather, insulating covering, etc.

Lowell, Parry ----- 8

April 29, 1946

6. Note that only an oil stove, the flame of which is controlled by raising and lowering awick (not the modern range burner type), is allowed to be operated without being connected to masonry chimney. If any chimney at all is used, it is required to be of masonry lined. It is recommended that a masonry chimney be built and thus avoid threat of poisoning from oil stove fumes on days when inclement weather makes it necessary to keep the cottage shut up tightly. If a chimney is proposed, it should be covered by application for amendment to this permit indicating the material to be used, type of lining and the fact that the chimney will have a clean-out door.

7. When all features controlled by the Building Code are completed, notice of readiness for final inspection is required to this office, and if everything is then found in order, the certificate of occupancy will be issued. It is not lawful to use the building for living quarters until the certificate has been issued.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMC/D

Report No. 2  
New Jersey State Office of Water Resources  
Metuchen Branch Office of Land  
Inspected April 09, 1946.

Year One  
(Harbor Grace)  
Long Island

Several of the concrete piers, sills and walls  
have been laid down and some features in  
the work already done that do not  
according to either the plan or the  
specifications.

The 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 10' sill was stated since a 4"  
cheesecull will probably be 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  but sill  
will be about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and be used again  
as a header joint permitted. Delicate  
finishing of all applications as 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " soaker  
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

The sill appears less than a half grade in  
places with one end practically in  
the ground for a distance of 2' 3"

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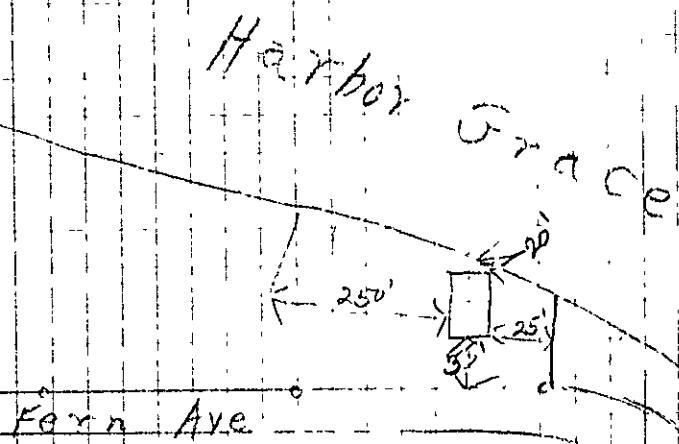
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CITY OF PORTLAND





(A) APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PURCHASED  
Permit No. 00710

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, April 23, 1946 APR 29 1946

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect ~~and/or~~ the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location Fern Avenue, Long Island Within Fire Limits? no Dist. No.  
100-A-18 Owner's or Lessee's name and address Katherine Parry, owner of land M. Alfred Lowell, Long Island, Maine Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address owner \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed yes No. of sheets 2  
Proposed use of building Cottage No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 400 Fee \$ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing  
Last use \_\_\_\_\_ No. families \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of New Work

To construct 1 story frame cottage 12'x20'.

Permit Issued with Letter

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is any electrical work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to top of plate 8'  
Size, front 12' depth 20' No. stories 1 Height average grade to highest point of roof 13'  
To be erected on solid or filled land? solid earth or rock? rock  
Material of foundation concrete piers to ledge thickness, top 12" bottom 10" cellar no  
Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of roof pitch-able Rise per foot 8" Roof covering asphalt roofing Class G Und. Lab.  
No. of chimneys none Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of heat none oil stove (wick) Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_ Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
Framing lumber-Kind hemlock - hard pine Dressed or full size? dressed  
Corner posts 4x4 Sills fir<sup>a</sup> Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Material columns under girders Concrete piers Size 2<sup>a</sup> x 6<sup>a</sup> x 6' Max. on centers 6'  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-10" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.  
Joists and rafters: 1st floor 2x6 2nd none 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ roof 2x6  
On centers: 1st floor 16" 2d \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ roof 24"  
Maximum span: 1st floor 6' 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ roof 6'  
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_ height? \_\_\_\_\_

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_ to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
Total number commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Signature of owner

Original

Permit No	461-710
Location	Gerasone, Long Isl.
Owner	Mr Alfred Lowell
Date of permit	6/1 29/46
Notif. closing-in	
Inspr. closing-in	6/18/46
Final Notif.	6/18/46
Final Inspr.	6/15/46
Cert. of Occupancy issued	6/21/46

on 7'6" Cham brick inner  
out 6'6" front part 3'4" x 5'

Floor 8'6" x 11'5" x 4'5" = 10'3"  
 Wall 8' x 7'5" x 4'0" = 6'0"  
 Front 6'x 7'5" x 3'0" = 13'30"  
 Total 27'6" x 22'

Went to agricultural fair viewing of  
several tribal sites in GA.  
Georgia House is completed  
distinctively and doesn't  
need further inspection  
either for displaying or for  
initial permission in absence  
of T.C. for final site.

2-13 P.M. 100-5-1  
After this class  
return to the hotel  
and go to the hotel  
with his wife and son  
there is no room there  
so I return to the hotel  
and wait for him  
to return from the school  
and go to the office

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area of mixed cements  
and ironstone lenses  
quartzites and sills  
light grey sills like  
string of bubbles being~~

PERMIT ISSUED

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

MAR 27 1929  
1930

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third class

Portland, Maine, March 27, 1929

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect after install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following:

Location Barber Grove, Long On share  
Owner's or Lessee's name an acn. Long Island Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect's name and address \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building Farm No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 1 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Last use fish house No. families \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of New Work

To rebuild building making it 8' x 10'

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHEING  
C.C. OCTOBER 1929  
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY  
NOTICE THAT THIS IS MADE

Details of New Work

Size, front 8' depth 10' No. stories 1 Height average grade to highest point of roof 32'  
To be erected on solid or filled land? solid earth or rock? earth and rock

Material of foundation rocks Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_

Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of roof pitch Roof covering shingle asphalt composition clay tile slate

No. of chimneys no Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of heat no Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_ Distance, heater to chimney \_\_\_\_\_

If oil burner, name and model \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity and location of oil tanks \_\_\_\_\_

Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_ Size of service \_\_\_\_\_

Corner posts 6x6 Sills 4x6 Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_

Material columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O.C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor 8x4, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 2x4

On centers: 1st floor 8', 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 2'

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If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_ height? \_\_\_\_\_

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No. cars now accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_ to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_

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Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no

Plans filed as part of this application? no No. sheets \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$ .25

Estimated cost \$80.

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Signature of owner Frank C. Johnson

INSPECTION COPY

Ward 1 Permit No. 29/360

Location Harbor Grace, Long Is.

Owner Frank A. Johnson

Date of permit 3/1/29 Ave.

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

See Map 100

Unit located 101/102

3/11/31

check off

