

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.1528
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Brigham, Rederick - Loomer, Noble Double House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Fowler, George E. Double House
<b>Address:</b>	11-13 Derby St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	West Concord
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1890
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Victorian Eclectic
<b>Use(s):</b>	Multiple Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.F: Derby Addition CON.DF: Derby Streetscape
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Asbestos Shingle; Wood Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut



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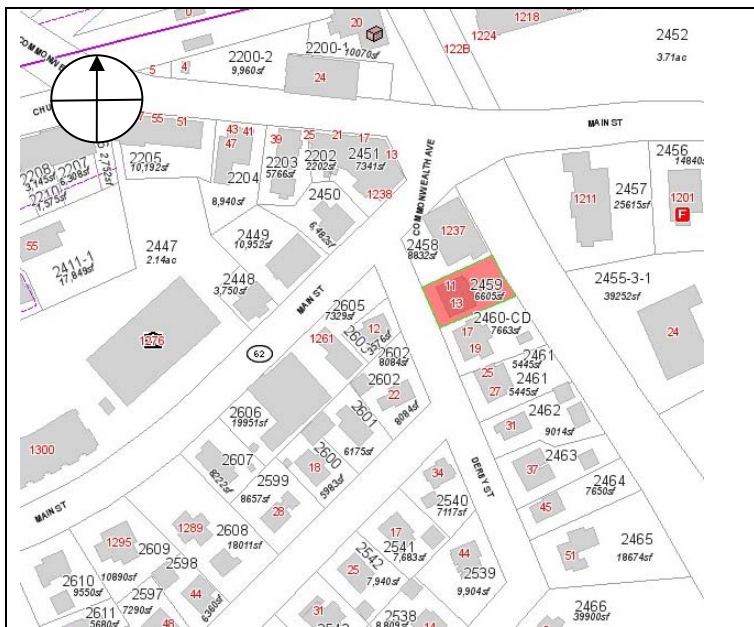
# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Geoffrey Melhuish  
**Organization:** ttl-architects  
**Date (month / year):** July 2013

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CON.1528

**Town/City:** Concord

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

**Address:** 11 - 13 Derby St.

**Historic Name:** Roderick Brigham - Noble Loomer House

**Uses:** Present: Two-Family Residential

Original: Two-Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1890

**Source:** Historic Maps

**Style/Form:** No Style/double-house

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Asbestos Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

**Major Alterations (*with dates*):**  
Asbestos Shingles - Mid-Twentieth Century  
Vinyl Window at rear and skylights - 1998

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

**Acreage:** .15 Acres

**Setting:** Located on a small lot in a dense residential area adjacent to the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord.

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11 DERBY 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.*

11-13 Derby Street (CON.1528) is a two-story, two-family worker housing, double house which faces southwest on the east side of Derby Street. The two-story block with gable roof and paired one-story bay window is also seen on 25-27 Derby Street and 37-39 Derby Street. The building adopts a rectangular plan on a granite foundation. The four-by-two bay building is set back approximately fifteen feet from the street on a level lot. The building terminates in a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The ridge is punctuated by two interior brick chimneys. The exterior walls of the residence are clad with asbestos shingles. The principal elevation features two entry doors centrally located on the facade. Above the openings is a continuous hipped roof, sheathed with asphalt shingles. Slender lathe turned wood posts support the roof. A one-story bay window is located to each side of the entry. A hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles caps each bay. Windows are 2/2 double-hung wood sash. A pair of one-story, one-bay ells project from the northeast elevation. Each ell terminates in a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt. 11-13 Derby Street maintains the form of worker-housing commonly constructed in West Concord and other towns in Massachusetts to house workers near factories and other industrial properties during the mid-late nineteenth century.

## 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.*

In 1874 the "Derby Addition" was laid out to the south of Concord Junction on approximately 35 acres of land owned by Benjamin Derby. Benjamin Derby's farmstead was originally located northeast of Main Street until the late 1960s.<sup>1</sup> It appears that Benjamin Derby "anticipated the demand for housing heralded by the 1874 act of the Massachusetts legislature that authorized the building of a new State Prison, just north of Concord Junction."<sup>2</sup>

Derby Street and the easternmost area of Central Street were the earliest areas heavily developed in the "Derby Addition". The area contains single family and double houses built between 1890 and 1910 as speculative housing by Reformatory Officers and local residents for resale and rental to employees of the Reformatory, nearby factories including the Boston Harness Company, the 1906 Allen Chair Company or the Fitchburg Railroad.

The property is identified on the 1906 map as the property of Geo. E. Fowler. George E. Fowler (b 1861) was a brother of Loring Nixon Fowler (37-39 Derby Street, CON.1535) and owned a shoe business in South Framingham, MA. The Fowler family owned other double and single family dwellings on this street in 1906 including 17-19 Derby Street (CON.1530), 25-27 Derby Street (CON.1532), 37-39 Derby Street (CON.1535), and 45 Derby Street (CON.1537).

Census records indicate that the property was the residence of Rederick Brigham, Farmer and Noble Loomer, Boston Harness Company in 1905/1906. For much of the first half of the twentieth century, the property was maintained as a two family rental property. In 1910, 6 Derby (11 Derby Street) was the home of Georgia Weaver, her son, Kenneth and daughter Florence and 8 Derby (13 Derby Street) was the home of Charles Dyke and his wife, Ida. Charles was employed as a cabinet maker for the chair factory. Subsequent renters include chairmaker Thomas O. Marshall and his wife, Eixlia (11 Derby Street) and barber, Frank Lombardi and his wife Viencenza (13 Derby Street) in 1920 and iceman, Douglas Crowell and his wife Lila (11 Derby Street) and postal clerk, Henry Helsher and his wife, Harriet (13 Derby Street) in 1940. The property is currently owned by Robert A. Bryant.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Anne Forbes, Massachusetts Historical Commission. The "Derby Addition" (CON.F) *Concord Massachusetts*. Concord, Mass: Concord Historical Commission, 1988. [CFPL]

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 7181 Page 599.

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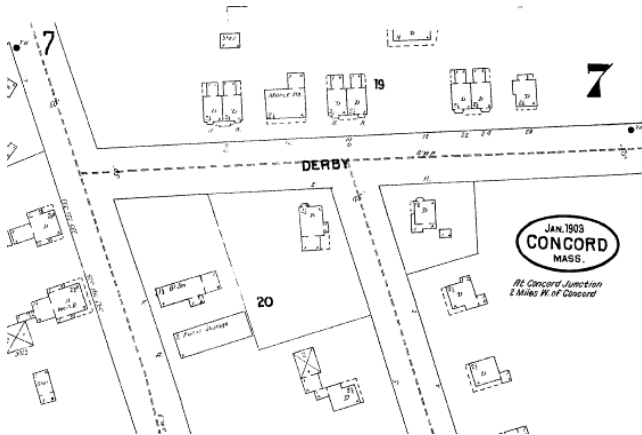
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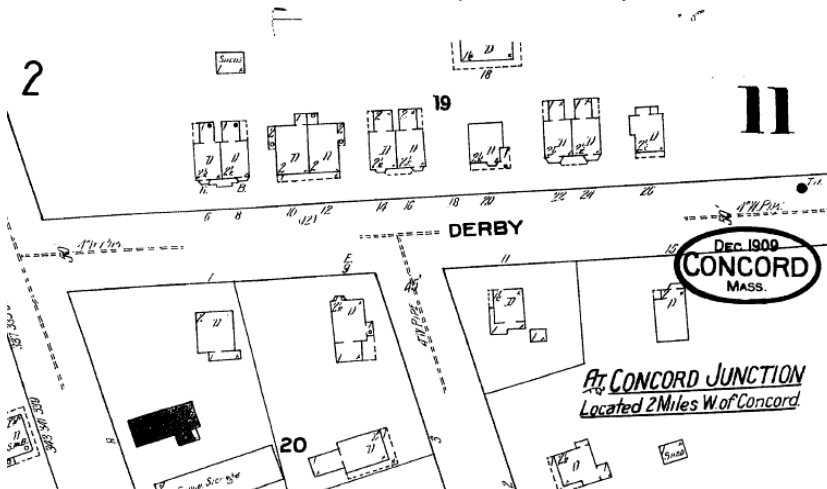
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From the 1903 Sanborn Insurance Map, 11-13 Derby Street was numbered 6-8 Derby Street



From the 1909 Sanborn Insurance Map, 11-13 Derby Street was numbered 6-8 Derby Street



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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 by Geoffrey Melhuish

*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

11-13 Derby Street maintains the form and fenestration of a two-family rental residence constructed in West Concord during the late nineteenth century. Worker housing double-houses were commonly constructed in West Concord and other towns in Massachusetts near factories and other industrial properties during the mid-late nineteenth century and very early twentieth-century. The residence possesses a high degree of integrity of design, setting and workmanship. The property meets criterion A and C at the local level and would be a contributing property in a potential Historic District. Many of the homes along Derby Street and Central Street maintain a high degree of architectural integrity. Most of the buildings were constructed during the second half of the nineteenth century and the first quarter of the twentieth century and are historically significant for their association with the industrial and residential growth of Concord Junction in the last quarter of the nineteenth century and early twentieth century. Exact boundaries of a potential National Register District within this area remain to be determined; however the boundaries of a potential district might include the area defined by Main Street to the north, Derby Street to the east, Riverside Avenue and Pleasant Street to the south, West Street to the west and the section of Central Street within.