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Inventory No:	CON.1539
Historic Name:	Jewett, Lester F. House
Common Name:	MacWilliams, W. Percy House
Address:	12 Central St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1905
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.F: Derby Addition CON.DG: Central - Pine Streetscape
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle Foundation: Concrete Unspecified; Stone, Cut



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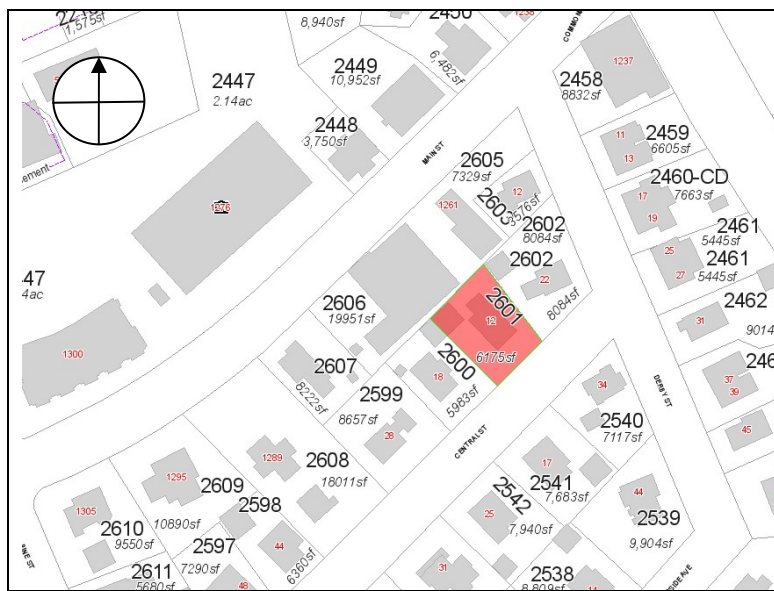
FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Concord

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

Address: 12 Central St.

Historic Name: Lester F. and Annie Jewett House

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1905

Source: Historic Maps and Street Directories

Style/Form: No Style/Colonial Revival Influence

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone and Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

One-story, two-car garage is located northwest of the residence - Early-twentieth century,

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .14 Acres

Setting: Located in a dense residential area adjacent to the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord. The property is well landscaped with foundation plantings and mature trees.

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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.

12 Central Street (CON.1539) is a two-story wood-frame residence. The two-by-two bay building faces southwest (away from the street) and adopts a rectangular plan on a stone and concrete foundation. The residence is set back approximately twenty feet from the street on a level lot. The building terminates in a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. One exterior brick chimney is located on the south elevation and one interior brick chimney pierces the north roof plane. The building is clad with painted wood shingles. A one-story, wrap-around porch is located on the front facing gable and continues down the south elevation. The porch terminates in a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The roof of the porch is supported by classical columns resting on a raised wood deck. Access is provided by an entry located at the north end of the facade. A paired 2/2 double-hung wood sash window is located to the south of the entry. Paired windows are a typical characteristic of the Colonial Revival style. The exposed chimney on the south elevation is flanked by two twelve-light French doors. All of the openings are highlighted by simple wood surrounds. A one-story, two-car garage is located east of the residence. The garage is constructed of concrete block and is capped by a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Exposed rafters, a common Craftsman detail, are featured along the eaves of the garage. Shed roof dormers are located on each roof plane. 12 Central Street maintains the form, fenestration, and details of an early twentieth century influenced by the Colonial Revival style.

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.¹ 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."²

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.

12 Central Street (CON.1539) was constructed ca. 1905 for Lester F. Jewett (b 1874) and his wife, Effie (b 1871), a portion of Lots 92 and 93 on a plan entitled "Plan at Concord Junction belonging to Benjamin Derby, 1874."³ Lester owned a provision store at 339 Main Street. The Jewetts continued to reside on Central Street through the 1920s. In 1930, the property was purchased by W. Percy MacWilliams (b 1889), head lineman for the telephone company and his wife, Mary (b 1893).⁴ In 1965, the current owners Robert and Elaine Imbrogna purchased the property from Mary MacWilliams.⁵

¹ Anne Forbes, Massachusetts Historical Commission : The "Derby Addition" (CON.F) Concord Massachusetts. Concord, Mass: Concord Historical Commission, 1988. [Concord Free Public Library]

² Ibid

³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 10871 Page 247.

⁴ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 5509 Page 331.

⁵ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 44073 Page 392.

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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.

12 Central Street maintains the form, fenestration, and details of an early twentieth century residence influenced by the Colonial Revival style. 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.