

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.285
Historic Name:	Raymond, Andrew J. House
Common Name:	
Address:	12 Seven Star Ln
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Nine Acre Corner
Local No:	F13-3616
Year Constructed:	1929
Architect(s):	Comeau, Charles House
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Slate Wall: Brick; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Assessor's number

F13-3616

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Area(s)

Form Number

285

Town

CONCORD

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Neighborhood or village)

Nine Acre Corner

12 Seven Star Lane

Name Andrew J. Raymond House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Construction 1924

Source owner's records

Style Colonial Revival

Builder unknown

Builder Charles Comeau, builder

Exterior Material:

brick

Foundation

brick

Wall/Trim

slate

Roof

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

3-car brick, slate-roofed garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

none

Condition excellent

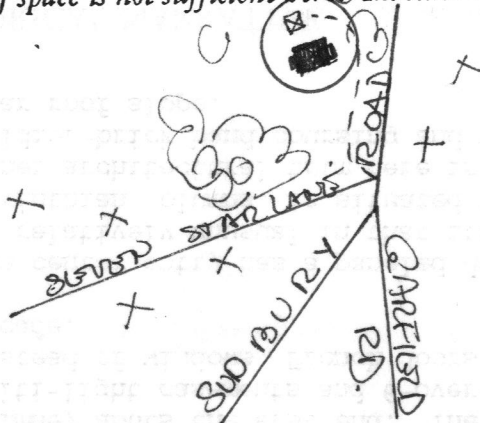
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage approx. 4.7 acres

Setting Set back from corner of Seven Star Lane and Sudbury Road on heavily-wooded lot. Rubble gateposts at foot of drive at corner of Sudbury.

Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.



A. Forbes

Recorded by for Concord Hist. Commission

Organization June, 1992

Date (month/day/year)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This house is one of few examples in the south quarter of a brick Colonial Revival structure of the 1920's. One of the most well-preserved of its type in town, it is a 2 1/2-story, five-bay building with a shallow two-story rear wing, a glassed-in porch on the east end, and a den or former porch on the west end. An exterior chimney abuts the east end. The windows of the second story are a mixture of multi-light casements and 6-over-6-sash with typical 1920's pierced shutters. Instead of windows, French doors flank the main center entry on the first story facade.

The center entry has a paneled door with fanlight and full sidelights. Its design is relatively unusual in that its broken pediment, supported on fluted, simple Corinthian columns, is situated above the door, but does not span the sidelights. Other architectural trim here is relatively subdued, consisting largely of soldier-brick band coursing and window lintels. Two slate-sided dormers piece the rear roof slope.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

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.

One of the old byways of the Nine Acre Corner area, Seven Star Lane may have been used as a lane between the two main roads leading south out of town as early as 1745. Local tradition says it was named for the seven bright shooting stars that fell in one night in the vicinity.

Nothing was built in the area until the twentieth century, and for decades this was the only house on the road. One of the most unaltered examples of the work of mason and builder Charles Comeau, it was constructed in 1924 for the Raymond family.

Alfred J. Raymond (d. 1957) was an investment broker; he lived in Concord for over forty years. Shortly after this house was built he lost considerable money in the depression, and for several years the property was under bank ownership. The house, with an accompanying nineteen acres on the north side of the lane, stretching all the way to Old Road to Nine Acre Corner, was subsequently purchased by accountant Charles Cheney and his family, who are shown here by 1937.

In 1947 the Cheneys moved to Cambridge, and sold the house with a large corner lot to Dr. and Mrs. Francis C. McDonald. Dr. McDonald was Concord's pediatrician for many years. He and Mrs. McDonald were named Concord's "Honored Citizens" in 1963.

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