

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.1450
Historic Name:	Curley, William A. House
Common Name:	Hagerty, George P. - Kiloran, John G. House
Address:	17 Laws Brook Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1899
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne
Use(s):	Multiple Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.E: Concord Junction CON.CZ: Laws Brook Road Streetscape
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Vinyl Siding; Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified; Stone, Cut



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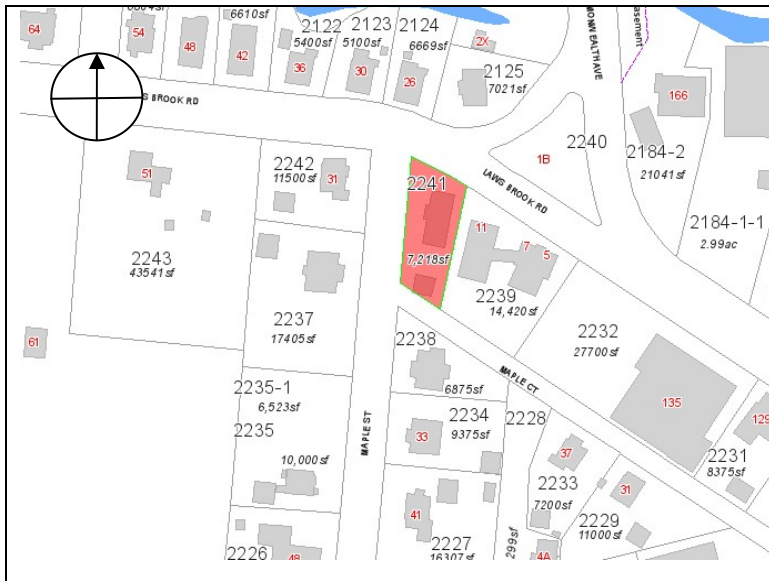
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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2241

Concord

E,CZ

CON.1450

Town/City: Concord

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

Address: 17 Laws Brook Rd.

Historic Name: William A. Curley House

Uses: Present: Multi-family Residential

Original: Multi-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1899

Source: Historic Maps

Style/Form: Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone and Concrete

Wall/Trim: Vinyl

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A, one-story, two-car garage is located south of the residence. It was constructed in 2000.

Major Alterations (with dates):

Vinyl siding - late twentieth century

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .17 Acres

Setting: Located in a dense residential area adjacent to the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord. The property is located on a narrow corner lot.

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CONCORD

17 LAWS BROOK ROAD

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

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CON.1450

☐ 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.

17 Laws Brook Road (CON.1450) is a two-and-one-half story wood-frame Victorian Eclectic residence. Dating from the late nineteenth century, Victorian Eclectic buildings feature a combination of elements from a variety of Victorian styles including the Queen Anne and Italianate styles such that the property does not fit into any one of the single styles. Character-defining features of this Victorian Eclectic residence include the irregular massing, the prominent front gable roof with the inset two-story porch with turned wood posts and decorative sawn brackets as well as the bracketed hood over the secondary entrance. The two-by-five bay building faces north and adopts an irregular 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 an intersecting front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. A gable dormer is featured on the east roof plane and a gable roof bay projects out on the west elevation. A two-story, full-width porch is located beneath the front facing gable. Both stories of the porch feature turned wood posts and decorative sawn brackets. One interior brick chimney pierces the ridge of the main block. The building is clad with vinyl. Access is provided by an entry located at the east of the facade. A 2/2 double-hung wood sash is located to the west of the opening. A secondary entry at the south end of the west elevation features a paired entry marked by a bracketed hood. A one-story, two-car garage is located south of the residence. The garage is constructed of wood frame and is capped by a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. 17 Laws Brook Road maintains the form, fenestration, and details of a late nineteenth century residence constructed in West Concord.

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.

The north side of Laws Brook Road to the northeast of Concord Junction was first developed between 1870 and 1890 following the construction of the pail factory by Ralph Warner. Due to the extensive land and property holdings of Ralph Warner it became known as "Warnerville." At the end of the nineteenth century and into the early twentieth century, Laws Brook Road and Maple Street, to the south were further developed by factory owners and speculators into housing for laborers employed at the harness factory, Allen Chair Factory and other industries at the junction.

17 Laws Brook Road (CON.1450) appears to have been constructed ca. 1899. The property first appears on the 1906 map as the property of Cutter. No information of Cutter could be located in street directories or census records. The 1910 Census records indicate that a William A. Curley and his family resided at 8 Laws Brook Road at the time. William A. Curley was residing on Laws Brook Road in 1905; however no address is listed. William A. Curley (b 1865) was employed as an officer at the State Reformatory in Concord. His family included wife, Rhoda (b 1873) and their children, Mary C. (b 1895); Laura P. (b 1901); Frances R. (b 1906) and William F. (b 1913). The Curleys maintained ownership of the property through the middle of the Twentieth century. The Curleys rented a portion of 8 Laws Brook Road to George P. Hagerty (b 1877) and his wife Alice (b 1882) in 1910. George is listed as a watchman at the reformatory. The Curleys rented a portion of the house in 1920 to John G. Kiloran (b 1867), a railroad conductor and his wife, Gertrude (b 1867). Subsequent owners include Ivan D. Servais (1953-1962);¹ Donald and Barbara Killerby (1962-1973)² and Linda Peyser (1996-).³

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³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 26504 Page 550.

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17 LAWS BROOK ROAD

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