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Inventory No:	CON.1530
Historic Name:	Maple Hotel, The
Common Name:	Fowler, Loring Nixon Double House
Address:	17-19 Derby St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1905
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Boarding House
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce
Area(s):	CON.F: Derby Addition CON.DF: Derby Streetscape
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut



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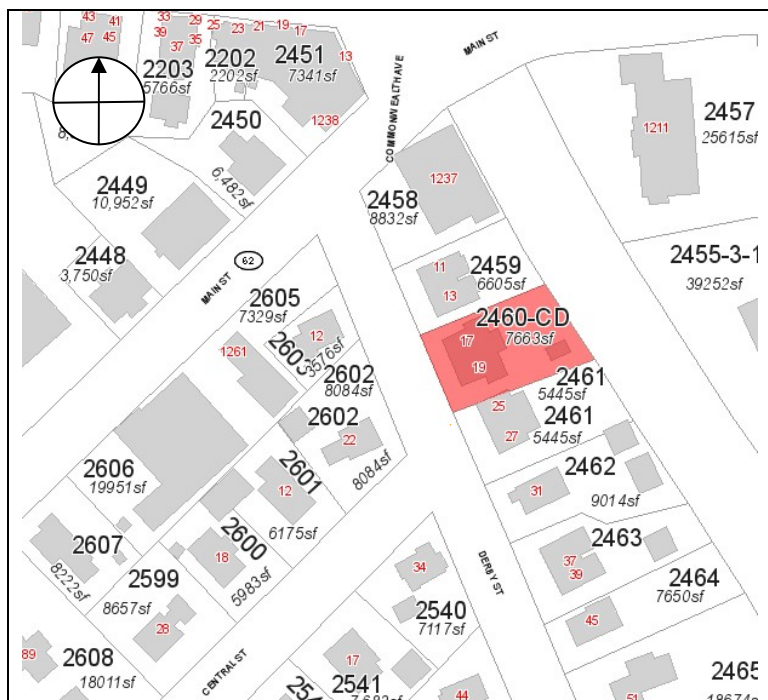
FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Town/City: Concord

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

Address: 17-19 Derby St.

Historic Name: The Maple Hotel

Uses: Present: Multi-family residential

Original: Boarding House

Date of Construction: ca. 1905

Source: Historic Maps

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A mid-twentieth century, one-story, one-car garage is located southeast of the residence.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

House rebuilt after fire - ca. 1905.

Door and Window replacement - Late Twentieth Century

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .18 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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☒ 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.

17-19 Derby Street (CON.1530) is a two-and-one-half story, two-family Colonial Revival styled residence which faces southwest on the east side of Derby Street. The hipped roof, symmetrical facade and full-width porch are Colonial Revival characteristics. 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 hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. A hipped roof dormer is featured on each roof plane. Each dormer features a 1/1 vinyl replacement window set within a simple wood surround. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the ridge of the dormers; one is located on the north plane and the other on the south roof plane. The exterior walls of the residence are clad with wood clapboards. The facade features a one-story full-width, hipped roof porch. The roof of the porch is supported by slender wood columns resting on a clapboard knee wall. Two entry doors centrally located on the facade provide access to each half. A knee-wall separates the two entries. A 1/1 double-hung vinyl replacement window is located to each side of the entry way. Both the north and south elevations feature a two-story, one-bay ell which projects out from the east end of the elevation. The bays terminate in a flat roof. A one-story, one-car garage is located southeast of the residence. The garage is capped by a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Although modified by vinyl replacement windows, 17-19 Derby Street maintains the form, fenestration and details of a two-family Colonial Revival styled residence constructed in West Concord during the early twentieth 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.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.

17-19 Derby Street (CON.1530) was originally constructed ca. 1890; however the property was rebuilt after a fire in 1904.³ The footprint differences of the property are shown on the 1903 and 1909 Sanborn Map. The property is identified on the 1906 map as the property of Loring Nixon Fowler who also owned 25-27 Derby Street and a portion of 37-39 Derby Street. Loring Nixon Fowler (1855-1921) owned a general store on Commonwealth, Waite & Fowler Grocers, for many years. He also operated at one time a furniture store in Concord Junction, was a justice of the peace, a real estate developer and president of MD Jones Foundry Co. He lived variously in Nashoba Park (c1900), at 16 Derby Street (1903-1905), and Crescent Road (c1921). In the first decade of the 20th century his daughter Avis boarded with Mrs. Harriet A Fowler (b.1825) at 26 Derby Street.

For much of the first half of the twentieth century, the property was maintained as a two family rental property. In 1910, then 10 Derby (17 Derby Street) was the home of chair factory machinist, Fred A. Leach and his wife, Francella and 12 Derby (19 Derby

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

² Ibid

³ Ibid, pg. 3.

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Street) was the home of Concord Policeman George Kilham and his wife, Lizzie. Subsequent renters include machinist, Carl Peterson and his wife, Mamie (17 Derby Street) and chair maker, Thomas Amerault and his wife Linda (19 Derby Street) in 1920 and house painter, Archibald Bowse and his wife Dorothy (17 Derby Street) and truck driver, Charles Oleson and his wife, Marion (19 Derby Street) in 1940. In 2003, the property was divided into two condominiums under the ownership of Paul C. and Christine French;⁴ 17 Derby Street is currently owned by David Knauss⁵ and 19 Derby Street is currently owned by Catherine Quinlan.⁶

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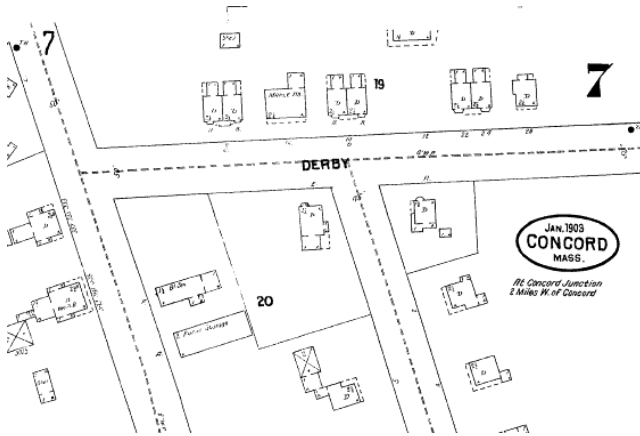
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From the 1903 Sanborn Insurance Map, 17-19 Derby Street was numbered 10-12 Derby Street

⁴ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 37882 Page 562.

⁵ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 57761 Page 396.

⁶ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 37671 Page 143.

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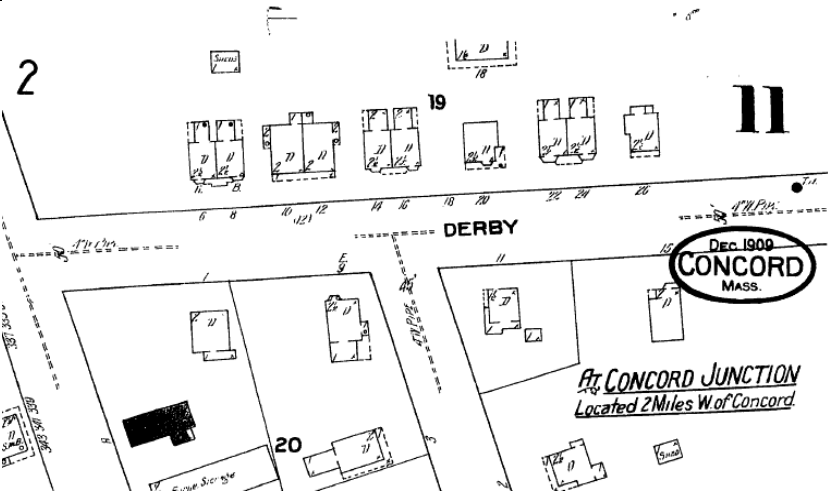
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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

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 Julie Ann Larry
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

Although modified by vinyl replacement windows, 17-19 Derby Street maintains the form, fenestration and details of a two-family rental residence constructed in the Colonial Revival style in West Concord during the early twentieth 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.