

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.5
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	
Address:	19 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Milldam; Concord Center
Local No:	H9-840
Year Constructed:	1959
Architect(s):	Campbell, Edward
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Commercial Block
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce
Area(s):	CON.DU: Main Street Historic District
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (03/12/1962)
Building Materials(s):	Wall: Brick; Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Brick; Concrete Unspecified



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FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

LHD 3/12/62

CON5

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

H9-840

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Town

CONCORD

SECT B

neighborhood or village)

Concord Center; the Milldam

19 Main Street

ic Name

Present store, offices

Original same

f Construction 1959

Street list, Main Street

Historic District

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ect/Builder Edward Campbell

Exterior Material:

Foundation brick/concrete

Wall/Trim clapboard facade,

brick sides

Roof (not visible)

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates)

none

Condition fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

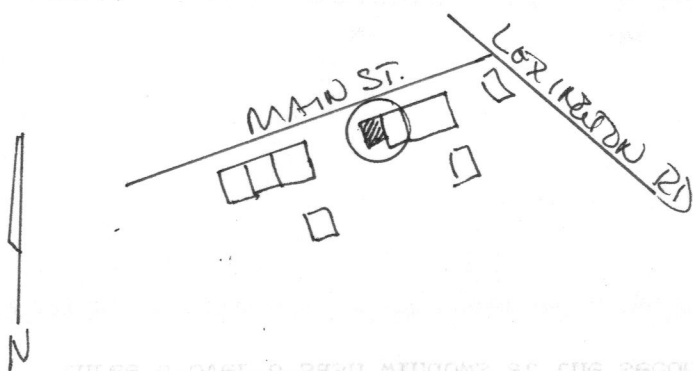
Acreage less than one acre

Setting

in commercial district,
in line of stores; parking
lot to rear; alley on west side.

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.



Recorded by Anne Forbes

Organization for Concord Hist. Commission

Date (month/day/year) June, 1992

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

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

#19 Main Street is the smallest and most recent building on the Milldam street front. Built in 1959 to replace one that burned, it is an astylistic two-story long narrow rectangular building with a flat roof. The building is brick on the sides, clapboarded on the front, and has a lower brick rear wing. The facade, which has a first-story storefront with large multi-light display window, has three 8-over-8-sash windows at the second.

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.

The first block of Main Street, today still called "the Milldam," occupies the earliest true commercial center of Concord, where by the eighteenth century a bustling trade was carried on. Near the old mill on the Mill Brook that had begun grinding grain in 1639-40, artisans' shops, offices, and stores actually stood on the mill dam itself. In 1828 the Milldam Company was incorporated by a group of local entrepreneurs including Daniel Shattuck, Cyrus Stow, Ephraim Merriam, Abel Moore, John Keyes, and Nehemiah Ball. With a capital stock of \$20,000 they bought up the property on both sides of the dam, drained the pond, (which had developed great waste-disposal problems,) built a wide gravel road where the dam had stood, and sold lots for business buildings on both sides of the street. In the process, most of the former buildings were torn down; a few were moved to other locations. The Milldam Company built some buildings here itself; others were put up by individual owners, and several here today are later replacements. This first block of Main was called "Exchange Street" in the latter part of the nineteenth century. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Keyes/Tolman.
Concord directories.
Wheeler.
Concord Free Library photo file.
Maps, atlases: Sanborns from 1887.
Strawberries and Streetcars.
Main Street Historic District List.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORD

19 Main Street

Massachusetts Historical Commission
No.
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

#19 Main Street is a 1959 replacement for one of the older stores on this first section of the Milldam. Its forerunner was built in about 1855-60 as the shoe shop of Jonas Hastings. Later it was occupied by George B. Davis, who moved to California. In the early 1880's the shop was taken over by shoemaker and merchant Ole O. Thorpe, who came to Concord from Norway, and remained here until at least 1915. He was succeeded by his son Henry Thorpe, who had the shop until at least the mid-1930's. The building burned down in the late 1950's.