

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.454
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Miller, Abby House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	21 Conant St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	West Concord
<b>Local No:</b>	255
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1875
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Victorian Eclectic
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House; Workers Housing
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Industry
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.E: Concord Junction
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard



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FORM B - BUILDING

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FORM NO.

ASH



West Concord

Address 21 Conant St.

Historic Name

Present Residential

Original Residential

Description

late 1870's-'80's

Visual evidence; local maps

Italianate cottage

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric Wood clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) mid-20th-century doors

Condition good

Moved Date

Acreage 1/4 acre

Setting

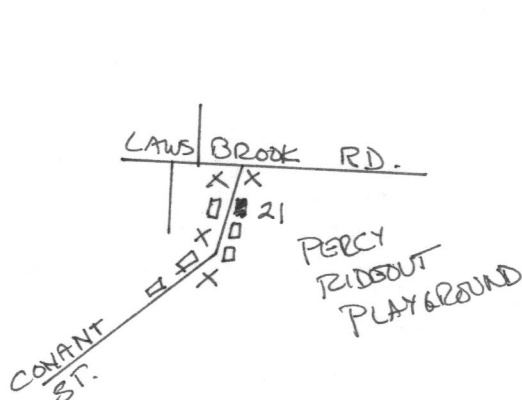
In a line of small late 19th-century wood-frame houses at the end of a residential/industrial street.

Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization for Concord Hist. Comm.

Date 3/10/88

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

#21 is the best-preserved and most unaltered example of the eight identical workers' cottages that line the foot of Conant St. All are vernacular Italianate, 1 1/2-story, 3-bay, gable-and-ell houses with brick foundations. #21 displays features that most of the rest have lost, however--a second entry in the ell facade, overhanging, unboxed eaves; and wide cornerboards and window architraves, the latter capped by a 1", plain, projecting molding. The only other decorative accent is at the front door canopy, in this case, a pair of solid scroll brackets with hook-shaped stops.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Built ca. 1880, the cottages at the foot of Conant St. were primarily mill-workers' housing. #21 was owned by Mrs. Abby Miller. Though they are of the general 1 1/2-story gable-and-ell house-type that appears throughout West Concord in the second half of the nineteenth century, they comprise the earliest group of identical houses of this kind. They thus anticipate the later clusters of identical gable-and-ell cottages of other designs built by the Boston Harness Co. on Crest St. in 1889-91, and on Grove St., Barrett's Mill Rd., and Damon St. later in the '90's. Since this particular interpretation of the house-type, with its unboxed eaves and long, 1 1/2-story ell, is unique to this group, they illustrate one West Concord builder's choice for worker's housing in the late 19th century.

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