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Inventory No: CON.280

Historic Name: Maynard Finnish Temperance Society Hall

Common Name: Bukiharia

Address: 24 Old Mill Rd

City/Town: Concord

Village/Neighborhood: West Concord
Local No: C11-2842-1

Year Constructed: Architect(s):

Architectural Style(s): No style

Use(s): Camp; Clubhouse; Clubhouse; Dance Hall; Multiple Family

Dwelling House

1924

Significance: Architecture; Ethnic Heritage; Recreation

Area(s):

Designation(s):

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Building Materials(s): Wall: Wood

Foundation: Concrete Unspecified



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Place (neighborhood or village)

West Concord

24 Old Mill Road

"Bukiharia"/Maynard Finnish ame Temperance Society Hall

dance hall

two-family dwelling

1924-25 nstruction

family records; deeds

astylistic

unknown uilder

aterial:

concrete

roundanon Wall/Trim

vertical board

Roof

asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

shed

Major Alterations (with dates)____

many alterations, including siding, window, and door replacement; enclosed sunroom on south end. Converted to dwelling late 20th century.

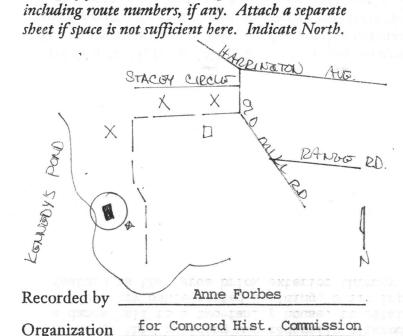
Condition _____fair

Moved □ no □ yes Date N/A

Acreage 82,250 sq. ft.

Setting ____Off Harrington Ave in wooded area on bank of pond.

DEC 3 1 1992



Date (month/day/year)_

December, 1992

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within

inventory forms have been completed. Label streets

it. Number each property for which individual

BUILDING FORM

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

Although this building was radically altered (see page 1) by its conversion from a dance hall to a two-family house, it retains the general proportions of a long 1 1/2-story gable-roofed building, built into the hillside. Its most prominent feature is the large brick exterior chimney on the facade.

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.

Old Mill Road did not become an official public way until 1942. In the early part of this century, however, the old mill pond, then still locally called Hayward('s) Pond, (see Form #913) was popular for recreational use. In 1924-1925 the Maynard Finnish Temperance Society built this building as a dance hall on the pond's east bank, and called it "Bukiharia," Finnish for "Top of the Hill." Other local Scandinavian societies were established at Concord center during this era, even building two churches there. This building, however, illustrates the close connection that the western part of Concord had with the community of Maynard to the west, particularly with its sizeable Finnish-born population.

The property was subsequently owned by the Musketaquid Sportsman's Club, and in the mid-1940's was purchased by John H. Kennedy, then owner of the South Bridge Boat House. (See Form #399.) He was the New England distributor of Grumman canoes, and stored boats here. A few years later Mr. Kennedy purchased the entire pond, which was renamed Kennedy's Pond. In the 1950's Mrs. (Elsie) Kennedy and Cliff Pulis started a children's summer daycamp, Camp Thoreau, here. The camp continues today on Old Marlboro Road. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

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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.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORD

"Bukiharia"

Massachusetts Historical Commission 80 Boylston Street Boston, Massachusetts 02116 Area(s) Form No. 280

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

From 1958 through the early 1960's the Trade Winds Nautical Daycamp was operated here by members of the next generation of the family, Allan and Bonnie Kennedy. From the mid-1960's to the present time, the Kennedy's Pond Swim Club has been located at the pond. The building has been converted to a two-family house, occupied and still owned by the Kennedy family.