

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.280
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Maynard Finnish Temperance Society Hall
<b>Common Name:</b>	Bukiharia
<b>Address:</b>	24 Old Mill Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	West Concord
<b>Local No:</b>	C11-2842-1
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	1924
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Camp; Clubhouse; Clubhouse; Dance Hall; Multiple Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Ethnic Heritage; Recreation
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified



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## FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

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Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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Town CONCORD

Place (neighborhood or village)

West Concord24 Old Mill Road

Name "Bukiharia"/Maynard Finnish  
Temperance Society Hall

Use dance hall

Original two-family dwelling

Construction 1924-25

family records; deeds

astylistic

Builder unknown

Material: concrete

Foundation vertical board

Wall/Trim asphalt shingle

Roof shed

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.

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) December, 1992

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the 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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Kennedy, Elsie. Interview with Renee Garrellick, 1977.

☐ 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

"Bukiharia"

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
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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.