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Inventory No:	CON.1542
Historic Name:	Blanchard, Arthur F. House
Common Name:	Converree, Alexander H. - Collicut, Everest House
Address:	25 Central St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1900
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Victorian Eclectic
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.F: Derby Addition CON.DG: Central - Pine Streetscape
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Asbestos Shingle; Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified



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FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Concord

Place: (neighborhood or village):
West Concord

Address: 25 Central St.

Historic Name: Arthur F. Blanchard Rental House

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1900

Source: Historic Maps and Street Directories

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Asbestos Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

One-story, one-car garage located southwest of the residence - Mid-twentieth century.

Major Alterations (with dates):

Asbestos Shingles - Mid twentieth century.

Replacement Windows - 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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25 CENTRAL STREET

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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.

25 Central Street (CON.1542) is a two-and-one-half story wood-frame front gable Queen Anne style residence. Character-defining features of this modest Queen Anne include the front gable roof, the asymmetrical facade and the use of lath-turned porch posts with decorative wood brackets. The three-by-two bay building faces northeast and adopts an irregular plan on a concrete foundation. The residence is set back approximately twenty feet from the street on a level lot. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The building is clad with asbestos shingles. A one-story, wrap-around porch is located on the gable end and continues down the west elevation. The porch terminates in a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The roof of the porch is supported by slender turned wood posts resting on a shingled knee wall. Access to the interior of the house is provided by an entry located at the east of the facade; the door is a replacement. Two, 1/1 double-hung vinyl replacement windows are located to the west of the opening. A one-story, one-car garage is located east of the residence. The garage is constructed of wood frame and is capped by a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Similar to other properties along Central Street, 25 Central Street maintains the form and details of a modest Queen Anne residence constructed in West Concord during the late-nineteenth 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. Much of the south side of Central Street was owned and developed by lumber merchant, Arthur F. Blanchard.

25 Central Street (CON.1542) was constructed ca.1900. In 1910, the property was the rental residence of Alexander H. Converee (b 1852), a section foreman on the railroad and his wife, Anna (b 1855). During the mid twentieth century, the property was the residence of Everest Collicut (b 1882) a lineman with the Municipal Light Plant and his wife, Jessie (b 1887). In 1961, the property was purchased by Edgar F. Clark.³ The current owners, Henry and Kathryn Damon purchased the property in 2011.⁴

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

² Ibid

³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 9800 Page 564.

⁴ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 57147 Page 238.

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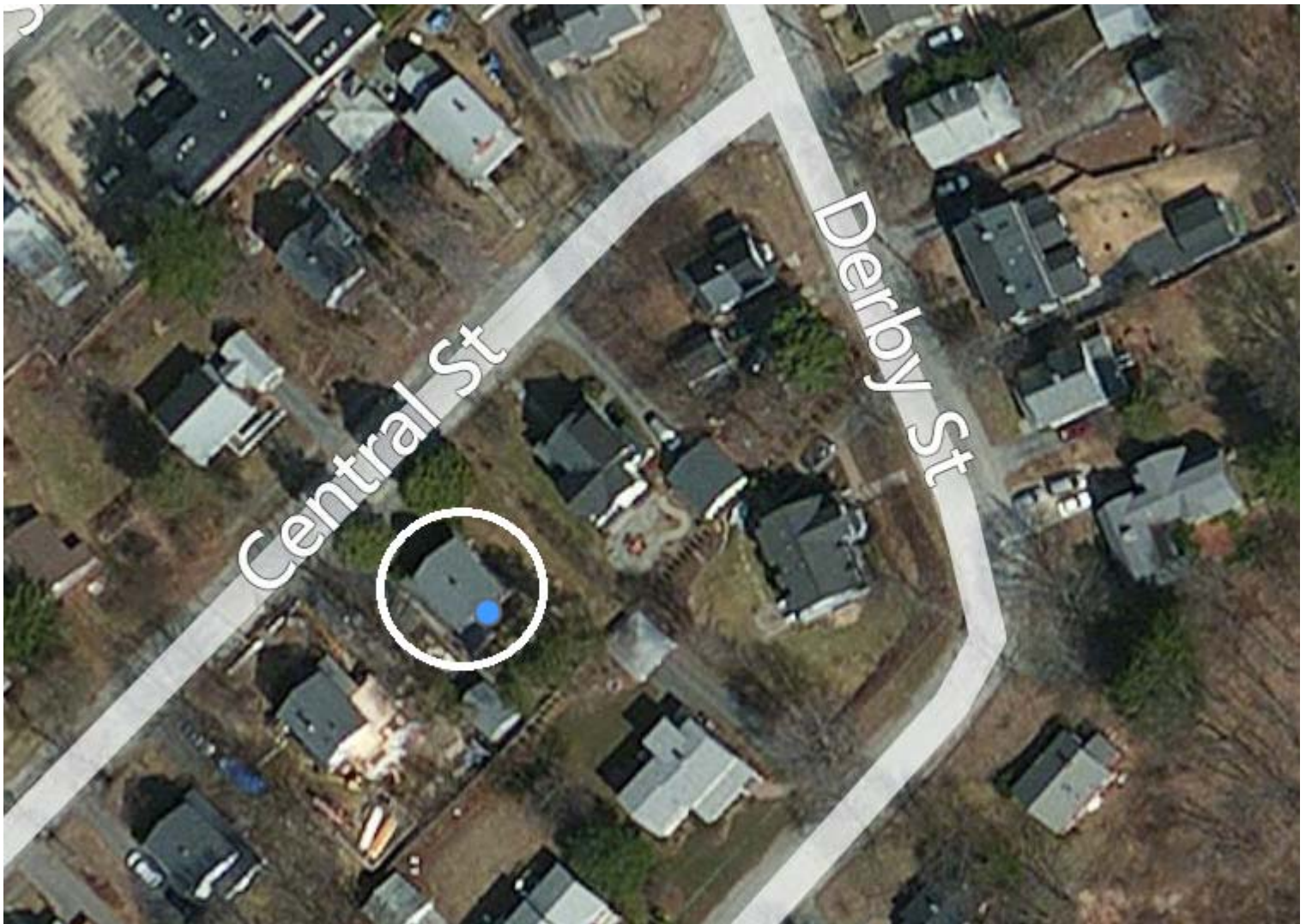
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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

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 Geoffrey Melhuish
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

25 Central Street maintains the form and fenestration of a late nineteenth century residence. 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.