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Inventory No:	CON.1212
Historic Name:	Gallagher, John J. House
Common Name:	
Address:	25 Upland Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	1925
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.CR: Upland Road Area
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle Foundation: Concrete Unspecified; Stone, Uncut



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FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Locus Map



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Date (month / year): July 2013

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Concord

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CON.1212

Town/City: Concord

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
West Concord

Address: 25 Upland Rd.

Historic Name: John J. and Ethel F. Gallagher House

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: 1925

Source: Deed Research and Architectural Style

Style/Form: Dutch Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Rubble-stone and concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A late-twentieth century, one-and-one half story, two-car garage is located west of the residence - 1998
A modern shed is located to the south - 1997.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Skylights - 1988

The wing on the east elevation was originally one-story with the second story added ca. 2010.

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .47 Acres

Setting: Located on a well-landscaped lot in a dense residential area south of the Assabet River.

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CONCORD

25 UPLAND ROAD

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

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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 Upland Road (CON.1212) is a two-story wood-frame Dutch Colonial Revival style residence constructed during the first quarter of the twentieth century. The three-by-two bay building faces north and is set back approximately twenty feet from the road on a level lot. The building adopts a rectangular plan on a rubble-stone and concrete foundation. Typical of the Dutch Colonial Revival style, the residence is capped by a side gable gambrel roof. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. A nearly full-width shed roof dormer is located across the north roof plane. Centered on the dormer is a paired 6/6 double-hung wood sash flanked by larger 8/8 double-hung wood sash. An interior end brick chimney pierces the east elevation. The residence is clad with wood clapboards. Access to the residence is provided by a centrally located entry marked by a one-story entry porch. The six panel wood entry door is highlighted by eight-light sidelights. The entry porch features a gable roof supported by slender wood columns resting on a wood deck. The underside of the entry porch roof is curved, a common Colonial Revival detail. A tripartite window comprised of a 6/6 flanked by 4/4 are located to each side of the entry porch. Each opening is set within a simple wood surround. A two-story wing projects out from the east elevation and a one-story rear ell projects out from the south elevation. The wing on the east elevation was originally one-story with the second story added ca. 2010. A one-and-one half story, two-car garage is located west of the residence. 25 Upland Road is a well preserved Colonial Revival residence constructed in Concord during the early twentieth 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.

Upland Road developed on the edge of the 19th century village of West Concord in the first half of the 20th century. The street was developed by Kennan Damon and his partners in the Riverview Trust and was the first area south of the Assabet River to be subdivided in West Concord. The developers extended Pine Street to the south and largely paid for the construction of the Pine Street Bridge in 1927. The bridge was replaced in 1941.

In September of 1931 John J. Gallagher and his wife, Ethel F. Gallagher, purchased the dwelling on Upland Road from Kennan Damon and the family moved to the house then numbered 10 Upland Road.¹ In 1940 John worked as a corrections officer at the State Reformatory in Concord. Ethel worked as a stenographer for the Veterans Hospital. They had one son, John W. (b. ca. 1925) and one daughter, Ruth (b.ca.1927). In 1987, John W. and Ruth sold the property to the current owners, Nancy N. Kerr and Richard B. Warren.²

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¹ Lot 13 Plan entitled Plan of Riverview Park, August 2, 1926 by Leonard C Robinson Book 404, Plan 25. Kennan Damon to John J. Gallagher and Ethel F. Gallagher Book 5596, Page 548.

² Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 17971 Page 326.

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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 Upland Road is a well preserved Colonial Revival residence constructed in Concord during the early twentieth century. The residence possesses a high degree of integrity of design, setting and workmanship. The property meets criterion A and C at the local level and would be a contributing property in a potential Historic District. Upland Road was developed by Kennan Damon and his partners in the Riverview Trust and was the first area south of the Assabet River to be subdivided in West Concord. The developers extended Pine Street to the south and largely paid for the construction of the Pine Street Bridge in 1927. The bridge was replaced in 1941. Many of the homes on Upland Road maintain a high degree of architectural integrity. Boundaries of an Upland Road Historic District would include Upland Road from Old Marlboro Road to Pine Street.