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| Inventory No: | CON.1532 |
| Historic Name: | Fowler, Loring Nixon Double House |
| Common Name: | Perna, Joseph - L'Heureux, William Double House |
| Address: | 25-27 Derby St |
| City/Town: | Concord |
| Village/Neighborhood: | West Concord |
| Local No: | |
| Year Constructed: | c 1890 |
| Architect(s): | |
| Architectural Style(s): | No style |
| Use(s): | Multiple Family Dwelling House |
| Significance: | Architecture |
| Area(s): | CON.F: Derby Addition CON.DF: Derby Streetscape |
| Designation(s): | |
| Building Materials(s): | Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut |



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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: 25-27 Derby St.

Historic Name: Loring Fowler Rental House

Uses: Present: Two-family Residential

Original: Two-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1890

Source: Historic Maps

Style/Form: No style/double-house

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement windows - Late Twentieth Century

Front porch addition - early twentieth century

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .13 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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☒ 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.

25-27 Derby Street (CON.1532) is a two-story, two-family worker housing, double house which faces southwest on the east side of Derby Street similar to 11-13 and 37-39 Derby Street. The building adopts a rectangular plan on a granite foundation. The four-by-two bay building is set back approximately fifteen feet from the street on a level lot. The building terminates in a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The ridge is punctuated by two interior brick chimneys. The exterior walls of the residence are clad with wood clapboards. The principal elevation features two entry doors centrally located on the facade. A one-story bay window is located to each side of the two entries. Above the openings and each bay window is a continuous hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Slender wood posts support the roof at each entry. Windows of the residence are vinyl replacements. A pair of one-story, one-bay ells project from the northeast elevation. Each ell terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt. Although modified by vinyl replacement windows, 25-27 Derby Street maintains the form of a double-house commonly constructed in West Concord and other towns in Massachusetts to house workers near factories and other industrial properties during the mid-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.

25-27 Derby Street (CON.1532) was constructed ca. 1890. The property is identified on the 1906 map as the property of Loring Nixon Fowler who also owned 17-19 Derby Street and a portion of 37-39 Derby Street. Loring Nixon Fowler (1855-1921) owned a general store on Commonwealth, Waite & Fowler Grocers, for many years. He also operated as one time a furniture store in Concord Junction, was a justice of the peace, a real estate developer, and president of MD Jones Foundry Co. He lived variously in Nashoba Park (ca. 1900), at 16 Derby Street (1903-1905), and Crescent Road (ca. 1921). In the first decade of the 20th century his daughter Avis boarded with his mother, Mrs. Harriet A Fowler (b.1825) at 26 Derby Street.

For much of the first half of the twentieth century, the property was maintained as a two family rental property. In 1910, then 14 Derby (25 Derby Street) was the home of barber Joseph Perna and his wife, Rachel, and 16 Derby (27 Derby Street) was the home of harness factory worker William L'Heureux and his wife, Fannie G. Subsequent renters include harness maker Alexander Macearhern and his wife, Margaret (25 Derby Street) in 1920 and Catherine Carter (25 Derby Street) and truck driver,

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

² Ibid

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Liburn Wineburg and his wife, Frances (27 Derby Street) in 1940. The current owners James and Judith Whelan purchased the property in 1965.³

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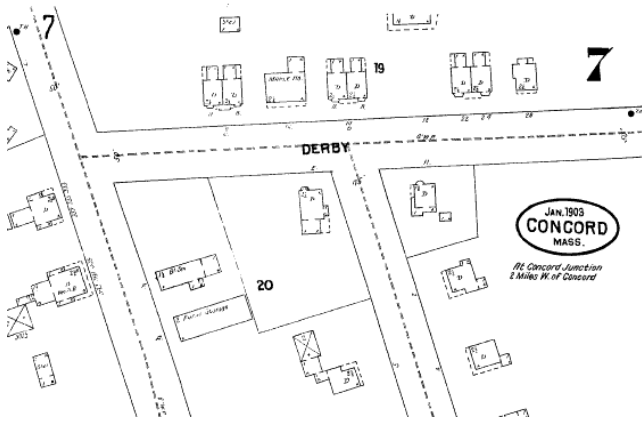
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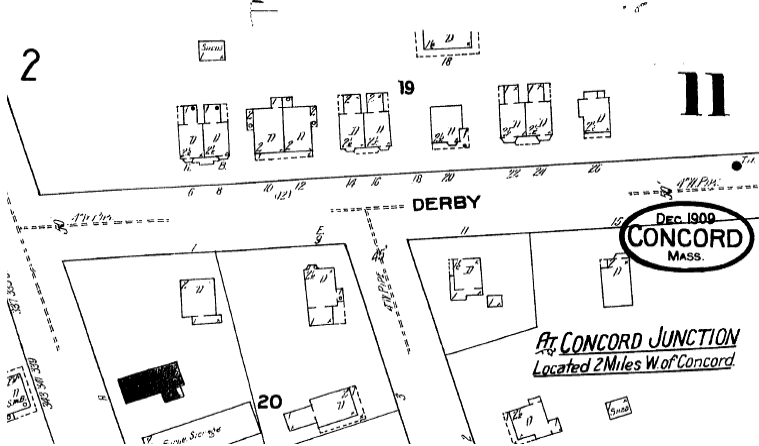
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From the 1903 Sanborn Insurance Map, 25-27 Derby Street was numbered 14-16 Derby Street



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³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 10956 Page 247.

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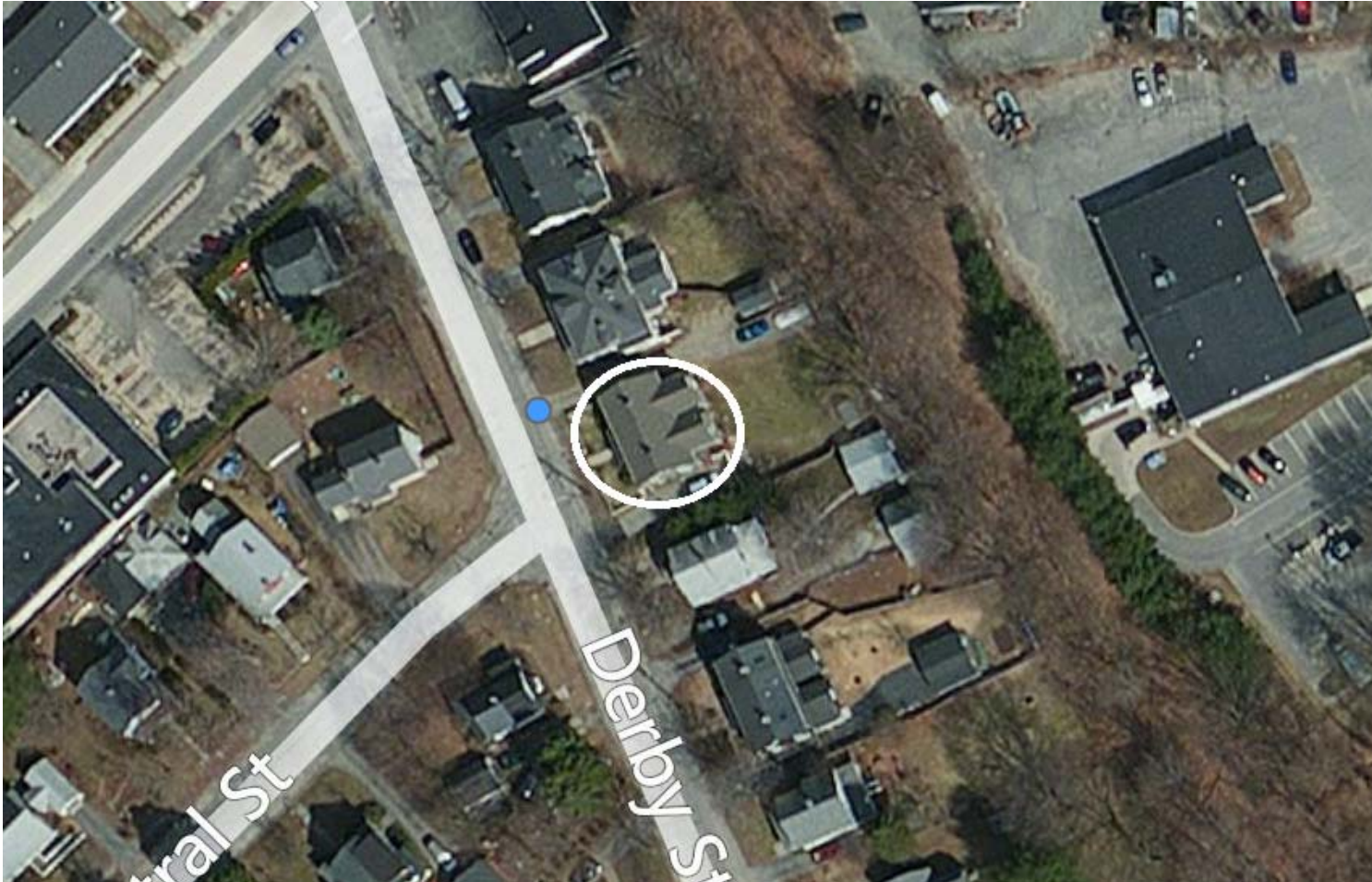
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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

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.

Although modified by vinyl replacement windows, 25-27 Derby Street maintains the form and fenestration of a two-family rental residence constructed in West Concord during the late nineteenth century. Worker housing double-houses were commonly constructed in West Concord and other towns in Massachusetts near factories and other industrial properties during the mid-late nineteenth century and very 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. 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.