

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.1451
Historic Name:	Kelley, Cornelius R. House
Common Name:	
Address:	26 Laws Brook Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1910
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.E: Concord Junction CON.CZ: Laws Brook Road Streetscape
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Aluminum Siding; Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified; Stone, Cut



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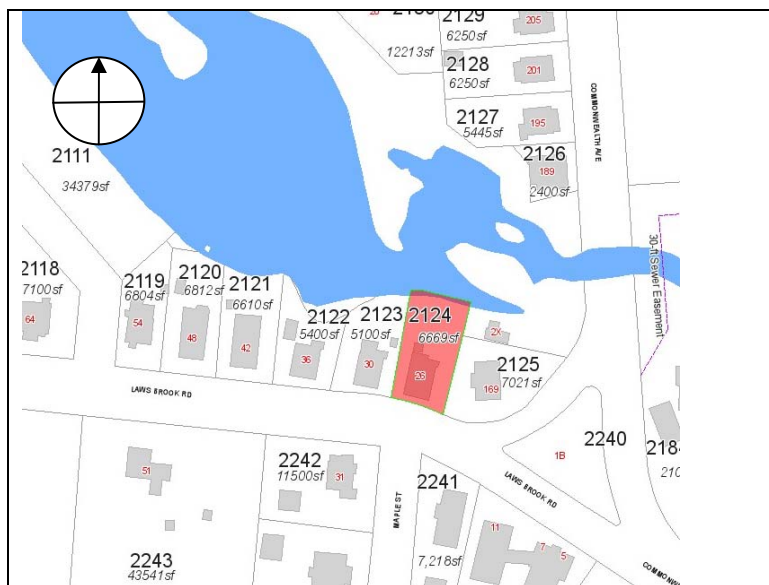
FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Concord

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CZ

CON.1451

Town/City: Concord

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

Address: 26 Laws Brook Rd.

Historic Name: Cornelius and Margaret Kelley House

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1910

Source: Historic Maps and Style

Style/Form: Dutch Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone and Concrete

Wall/Trim: Aluminum Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A small shed is visible on aerial photographs; this cannot be seen from the public way.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Aluminum Siding - 1968

Vinyl replacement windows - Late Twentieth Century

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .15 Acres

Setting: The house is set on a small lot at the south end of Warner's Pond. Mature trees are located around the lot. The property is located in a dense residential area adjacent to the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord.

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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CONCORD

26 LAWS BROOK ROAD

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

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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.

Like other properties on Laws Brook Road including 30, 36, 42, 48, and 54 Laws Brook Road, 26 Laws Brook Road (CON.1451) is a one-and-one-half story wood-frame Dutch Colonial Revival constructed during the first quarter of the twentieth century. The three-by-three bay building faces south and is set back approximately fifteen feet from the road on a level lot. The building adopts a rectangular plan on a stone and concrete foundation. Typical of the style, the residence is capped by a front facing gambrel roof. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. A narrow one-light window in the gable end provides light to the interior. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridge. Two shed roof dormers are featured on the east roof plane and two gable roof dormers are located on the west roof plane. The residence is clad with aluminum siding. A one-story, full-width hipped roof porch is located on the south facade. The roof of the porch is supported by slender wood posts resting on a knee-wall. The open area between the knee-wall and eave is screened. Access to the residence is provided by an entry located at the east end of the facade. Two, 1/1 double-hung vinyl replacement windows are located to the west of the entry. A secondary entry is located at the north end of the east elevation. The opening is protected by a one-story, hipped roof entry porch. A one-story hipped roof ell projects out from the north elevation. 26 Laws Brook Road maintains the form and character defining features of an early twentieth century one-and one-half story Dutch Colonial Revival residence constructed along Laws Brook Road for laborers at the harness factory, the Allen Chair Factory and other industries in Concord Junction.

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.

The north side of Laws Brook Road to the northeast of Concord Junction was first developed between 1870 and 1890 following the construction of the pail factory by Ralph Warner. Due to the extensive land and property holdings of Ralph Warner it became known as "Warnerville." At the end of the nineteenth century and into the early twentieth century, Laws Brook Road and Maple Street, to the south were further developed by factory owners and speculators into housing for laborers employed at the harness factory, Allen Chair Factory and other industries at the junction.

26 Laws Brook Road (CON.1451) appears to have been constructed ca. 1910. The property first appears as the residence of Cornelius R. Kelley (b 1876), a house carpenter and his wife Margaret A. Kelley (b 1878) in 1921. The Kelley's are listed as residing in Highland Park in 1913. The Kelly's maintained ownership of the property through the mid-twentieth century when their son, John R. Kelley (b 1903) sold the property to John K. Damon in 1956.¹ The current owners of the property, Robert B. Caldwell and Judith C. Caldwell purchased the property in 1962 from the Concord Woodworking Company, Inc.²

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¹ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 9085 Page 232.

² Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 9966 Page 486.

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