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Inventory No:	CON.390
Historic Name:	Abbott, Graton House
Common Name:	
Address:	26 Simon Willard Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	F9-1769-2
Year Constructed:	c 1895
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.AD: Nashawtuc Hill Area
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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SEE A



neighborhood or village) CONCORD

26 Simon Willard Road

Name Abbott/Newman/Eaton House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Construction ca. 1895-1900

Assessment visual assessment; maps

Style Federal Revival

Form unknown

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material: fieldstone

Foundation wood clapboard

Wall/Trim asphalt shingle

Roof

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures none

Major Alterations (with dates) 1-story

open shed attached, north side

Condition excellent

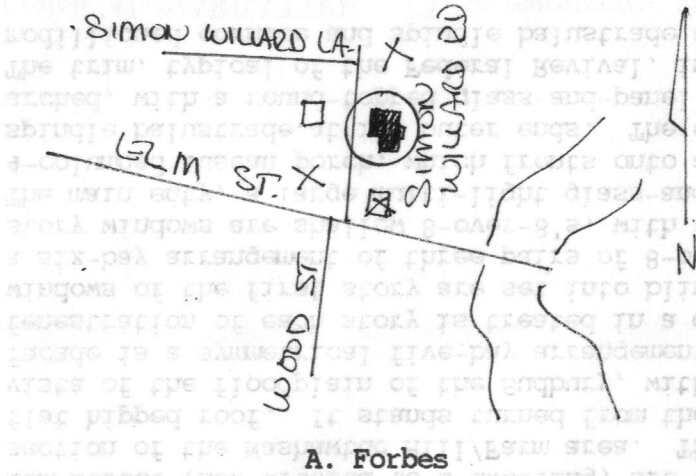
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage less than one acres

Setting Just north of Elm Street in area of large late-19th and early 20th-century houses. Faces east over stone-terraced hillside toward river. Tall spindle-picket fence along streetfront.

Sketch Map

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.



A. Forbes

Recorded by for Concord Hist. Commission

Organization June, 1992

Date (month/day/year)

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

One of Concord's most high-style Federal Revival residences, and the only one three-stories high, #26 Simon Willard Road and its former carriage house at #196 Elm Street (now altered to a dwelling) are a fitting gateway to the southwest section of the Nashawtuc Hill/Farm area. This is a tall L-plan house with a nearly flat hipped roof. It stands turned from the road to face east over a spectacular vista of the floodplain of the Sudbury, with Nashawtuc Hill beyond. The riverfront facade is a symmetrical five-bay arrangement. In the Federal tradition, the fenestration of each story is treated in a different manner. The tall multi-paned windows of the first story are set into blind keystone arches. The second story is a six-bay arrangement of three pairs of 8-over-8-sash with molded crowns. The third story windows are shallow 8-over-8's, with a tripartite window at the center. The main entry, a large multi-light glass-and-panel door, is sheltered by a large 4-columned Tuscan porch, which fronts onto a wide brick terrace. The terrace has a spindle balustrade at its outer ends. The entry on the street side of the house is arched, with a round-topped glass-and-panel door and large-columned Tuscan porch. The trim, typical of the Federal Revival, includes large-quoined corners, and a modillioned cornice and spindle balustrade at the roof line.

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.

This house, one of the grandest in the area just west of the Sudbury River at Elm Street, was built in about 1895-1900. It is possible that it was built for Grafton St. Lo and Mary Abbott shortly after they came to Concord in 1893, as the Abbott name appears here on the plan of Nashawtuc Farm. They lived first on Main Street, and in 1902 moved to the country estate they built on Sudbury Road. (See area form "Abbott Estate.") By 1906 the owners were Jennie (Jane) and Albert H. Newman. Mr. Newman, a banker with Blodget & Co., in Boston, died in 1915 at the age of 42.

Shortly thereafter his widow married Frederick Eaton, and they lived in the house for many years. Frederick Eaton died here at the age of 64 in 1943. He had been a lawyer, and as a young man had started out as one of the clerks in the office of Senator Hoar. During the Second World War he was the appeal agent for the Concord draft board.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: Plan of Nashawtuc Hill, 1906 Atlas.
Town Directories and tax lists.
Obituary File, Concord Free Library.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Community
CONCORD

Property Address
26 Simon Willard
Road

Area(s)	FormNo.

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

Anne McCarthy Forbes

Statement of Significance by _____
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

This building is one of the following resources which meet Criteria A and C of the National Register as part of a National Register District for Nashawtuc Hill, a high-style planned residential development of Queen Anne, Shingle Style, Colonial Revival and French Revival and Provincial architecture that spanned the mid-1880's through 1930's. Each resource possesses integrity of design, location, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. 26 Simon Willard Road is also eligible individually under Criterion C as a rare example in Concord of three-story Federal Revival architecture.

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