

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.9
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	
Address:	32 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Milldam; Concord Center
Local No:	H9-1696
Year Constructed:	1941
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Commercial Block
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce
Area(s):	CON.DU: Main Street Historic District
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (03/12/1962)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Slate Wall: Brick; Wood Foundation: Brick



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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

H9-1696

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CONCORD

547 B

Town

(neighborhood or village)

Concord Center: the Milldam

50/32 Main Street

SS

ic Name

shop

Present

commercial

Original

commercial

of Construction

ca. 1941-2

Maps; visual assessment

Form

Federal Revival

ect/Builder

unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation

brick

Wall/Trim

brick

Roof

slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates)

storefronts replaced

Condition

good

Moved

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no

yes

Date N/A

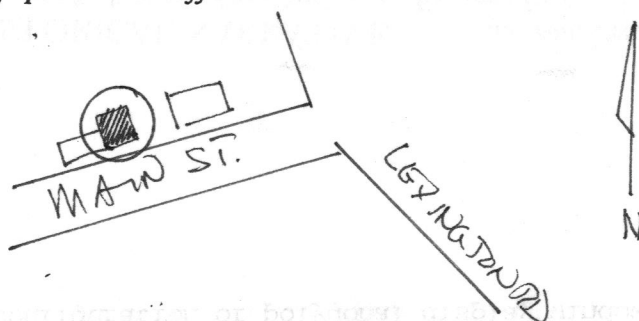
Acreage

less than one acre

Setting In commercial district,
line of stores of ca. 1830-mid-
20th-century date.

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.



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Organization

June, 1992

Date (month/day/year)

BUILDING FORM

CON. 9

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

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

In the early 1940's this building was constructed on the site of a building that was torn down in 1934. Like #33 across the street and the long five-store block at #59-73, it blends well with some of the existing brick parapet-walled structures built here a century before. It is a high one-story gable-roofed structure with a deep one-story rear wing. Its main decorative feature is a very heavy molded wooden cornice at the front roof line. Like #33, it has a wide expanse of upper wall on the facade, appropriate for the installation of signs, etc. Although the storefronts have been replaced, they retain their configuration of polygonal display windows and recessed entries.

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.

The first block of Main Street, today still called "the Milldam," occupies the earliest true commercial center of Concord, where by the eighteenth century a bustling trade was carried on. In 1828 the Milldam Company was incorporated by a group of local entrepreneurs. With a capital stock of \$20,000 they bought up the property on both sides of the dam, drained the pond, (which had developed great waste-disposal problems,) built a wide gravel road where the dam had stood, and sold lots for business buildings on both sides of the street. In the process, most of the former buildings were torn down; a few were moved to other locations. The Milldam Company constructed some buildings here itself; others were put up by individual owners, and several here today are later replacements. This first block of Main was called "Exchange Street" in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

Like the other late buildings at #s 33 and 59-73 Main Street, #30/32 is now old enough to be appreciated as an illustration of one type of small-scale "infill" building that was built in small town centers in the 1930's and early 1940's, and has proved its worth as a building that functions well among the old commercial structures at Concord center.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Sanborn maps from 1942.
Wheeler.
Concord Free Library photo file.

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