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Inventory No:	CON.334
Historic Name:	Bartlett, Dr. Josiah - Hunt, Thomas Ford House
Common Name:	Ball, Nehemiah - Chamberlin, Dr. Theodore House
Address:	35 Lowell Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	49, H8-1689-1
Year Constructed:	1830
Architect(s):	Hunt, Thomas Ford
Architectural Style(s):	Federal
Use(s):	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Literature; Social History
Area(s):	CON.A: Concord Monument Sq-Lexington Road Historic Dist. CON.DV: North Bridge - Monument Square Historic District
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (03/05/1973); Nat'l Register District (09/13/1977)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Wood Shingle Wall: Brick; Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Brick; Granite; Stone, Cut



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NR: DIS; LHD 315173Town Concord

Place (neighborhood or village) _____

Concord centerAddress 35 Lowell RoadHistoric Name Hunt/Bartlett HousePresent dwellingOriginal dwellingDate of Construction 1830-31Source KeyesStyle/Form FederalArchitect/Builder Thomas F. Hunt

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite block (main house);brick (rear wing)Wall/Trim brick, wood clapboardRoof wood shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

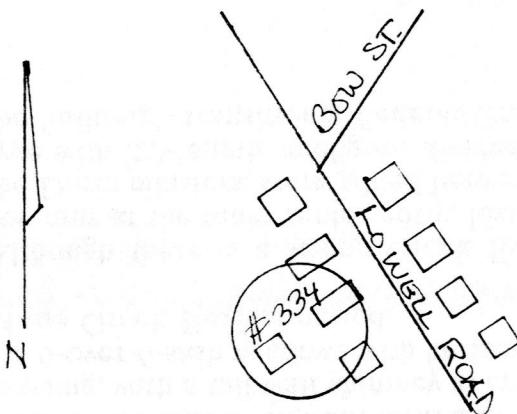
large barn--ca. 1906

Major Alterations (with dates) main house ex-
extended to rear, roof rebuilt; rear wing raised
and enlarged; classical entry porch added;
early 20th C. Modern wood terrace on E. side
of wing

Condition excellentMoved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/AAcreage less than one acreSetting On narrow, deep lot extending back toMill Brook, in area of largely 19th-centuryhouses. Granite curbing across front

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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BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION [X] *see continuation sheet*

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

The Hunt/Bartlett House is a rare example in Concord of an early-nineteenth-century house built entirely of brick. Even in the late Federal Period, when brick became more plentiful and fashionable, the local high-style trend was toward clapboard or brick-ended houses, rather than full brick construction. In both form and style, this is a transitional building. The two-story, hip-roofed massing, with a tall wall chimney at either end of the house, is a lingering Federal house type, while the 6-over-6-sash windows with horizontal stone lintels and louvered shutters are more characteristic of the Greek Revival period.

Although there is a strong Greek Revival emphasis in the pedimented canopy on square Ionic columns at the main center entry, historic photos and maps indicate that the canopy, and probably the Doric pilasters, were added between 1927 and 1937. The recessed doorway itself, a transitional type with 2/3-length sidelights, divided-light transom, and a six-panel door, is more consistent with the building's transitional Federal/Greek Revival construction date. (Cont.)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE [X] *see continuation sheet*

Explain 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.

35 Lowell Road is one of a small group of handsome houses that were built on lower Lowell Road in the late 1820's to early 1830's, when residential buildings around the common were beginning to extend north and northwest onto Monument Street and Lowell Road. It is significant as one of only two known examples of the work of local mason Thomas Hunt, and as the longtime home of one of Concord's most beloved physicians, Dr. Josiah Bartlett.

The building was constructed for his own residence in 1830-31 by **Thomas Ford Hunt** (b. 1804), who may have previously lived at 41 Monument Street, the home built by his brother-in-law, Thomas Benjamin. (He married Benjamin's sister, Ann, in 1827--see Form #201). Hunt was a mason, who built houses together with Thomas and Cyrus Benjamin and Abner Buttrick. Thomas Benjamin died in 1828, and this house, though said to be a near-replica to #41 Monument Street as it originally appeared, is credited to Thomas Hunt alone. According to Keyes, he may have rented out part of the house, at least, to the young Rev. Hersey Goodwin, assistant pastor of the First Parish Church, and his new wife. Thomas Hunt himself apparently lived in the house for only a short time, as it was sold in 1832-33 to **Nehemiah Ball**, who lived here briefly with his wife, Mary (Merriam) and their family. (In 1832-33 Mrs. Merriam's brother, Ephraim Merriam, built the house next door at 7 Lowell Road--see Form #333). (Cont.)

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Jarvis. "Houses and People in Concord." 1882.

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[X] Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places*. *If checked, a completed National Register Criteria Statement form is attached. *within NR district boundaries.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION, cont.

Part of the long two-story clapboarded wing that extends to the rear may represent some of what Adams Tolman calls the "extensive alterations and additions" made to the property by the Chamberlins in about 1906, although a wing of about the same footprint appears on maps as early as 1875. Tolman may be referring to the most unusual alteration to the house, the extension of the southwest brick end of the main building from two to three bays deep. It is likely that the hip-roofed dormer on the side slope of the roof was added at the same time.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, cont.

Although one version of John Hales' 1830 map of Concord appears to show the building under the name of either "Dr. Bartlett" or "J.P. Hayward" (proprietor of the "Green Store" on the common), other sources indicate that the property was purchased by **Dr. Josiah Bartlett** in 1833. He and his family moved here from 50 Monument Street, where they had resided since arriving in Concord in 1820, (see Form #203). Dr. Bartlett (1796 -1878) practiced medicine in Concord for over fifty-seven years. During that time he was the principal force behind the local temperance movement. In the period prior to the Civil War he was also an active abolitionist. As he was known to have participated in the "Underground Railway" network, this house may have sheltered fugitive slaves within its walls. His one-story office, which stood southeast of the house near the street, was one of several tiny buildings on houselots near the square--law offices, etc.--that were later moved to other locations to become outbuildings or ells of houses. Dr. Bartlett's office was moved early in this century to a location on one of the properties across the street. According to Keyes, it had originally been a candy shop on Monument Square, (possibly the one near or behind the schoolhouse, mentiond by Jarvis in his 1882 "Houses and People in Concord.") In the 1870's and 1880's, while still on this property, it was rented to two other physicians--Dr. J. Edem Young, and Dr. George Titcomb.

Dr. Bartlett and his wife Martha (Bradford--d. 1860) had nine children. Four sons, Daniel, James, Samuel, and Edward, married; a fourth, Gorham, died at age 28, unmarried. The other unmarried adult children, George, Martha, Elizabeth, and Annie, lived out their own lives here. George Bartlett, a local historian, antiquarian, and entertainer, is best known today for his 1885 Concord guide book, Concord: Historic, Literary, and Picturesque. A memorial boulder and plaque dedicated to him and his role in Concord was erected after his death in 1896 near Egg Rock by the head of the Concord River.

The last Bartlett sister, Elizabeth, died in 1900, and for many years, possibly both before and after her death, the building was rented out to tenants. Among them were writer Elbert Hubbard, who wrote part of his book Little Journeys while living here, and a Miss Moore, who later married him. Another tenant was artist Charles H. Pepper (see Form #168--525 Lexington Road).

In about 1905 the property was purchased by another doctor, **Theodore Chamberlin**, and his wife, **Anne (Bixby)**. They also had a large family, of eight children. They replaced a former barn on the property with the present one, and lived here for the rest of their lives. Dr. Chamberlin (1868-1939), who began his medical practice in Petersham, came to Concord in 1898. He was in general practice here until 1910. (Cont.)

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, cont.

For most of his career, his other main duties were at the Middlesex School, where he was the school physician from its founding in 1901 until his retirement, and at the Massachusetts Reformatory at West Concord, where he held the position of prison doctor. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Deaconess Hospital (later Emerson Hospital), and was for many years a member of the Concord School Committee.

The last of the Chamberlain children, Mary H., lived here until 1970.

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AREA/PHOTO ✓ 49 334
Concord DV NR 9.13.77
35 Lowell Rd
Dr Bartlett House
Original Use dwelling MED 13-9/13/77 LHD - 3/5/73
Present Use n PL - CONCORD U.S. - CONCORD
Present Owner private SECT - B
ec 1820 Style
Date of Date
Architect

3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered

IMPORTANCE of site to area: Great Little None SITE endangered by

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material: cut stone

WALL COVER: Wood Brick Stone Other

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Cluster Elaborate Irregular

ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed Dependency clapboard 2 1/2 story bear Simple/Complex

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 Portico Balcony Recessed

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork

FACADE: Gable End: Front/Side Symmetrical/Asymmetrical Simple/Complex Ornament

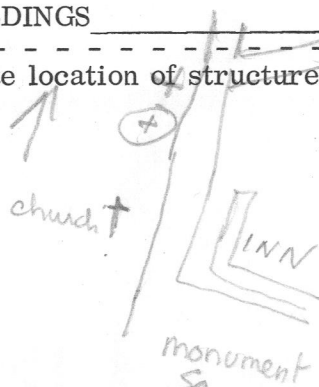
Entrance: Front/Side Centered Double Features: recessed door, handsome modulated corinthian portico

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied 6/6

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Obscured

OUTBUILDINGS LANDSCAPING

5. Indicate location of structure on map below 6. Footage of structure from street 10'
Property has feet frontage on street



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FOR USE WITH IMPORTANT STRUCTURES (Indicate any interior features of note)

Fireplace

Stairway

Other

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

REFERENCE (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

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