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Inventory No:	CON.1454
Historic Name:	West End Land Company House
Common Name:	Clay, John - Deneill, James H. House
Address:	36 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: Vinyl Siding; Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified



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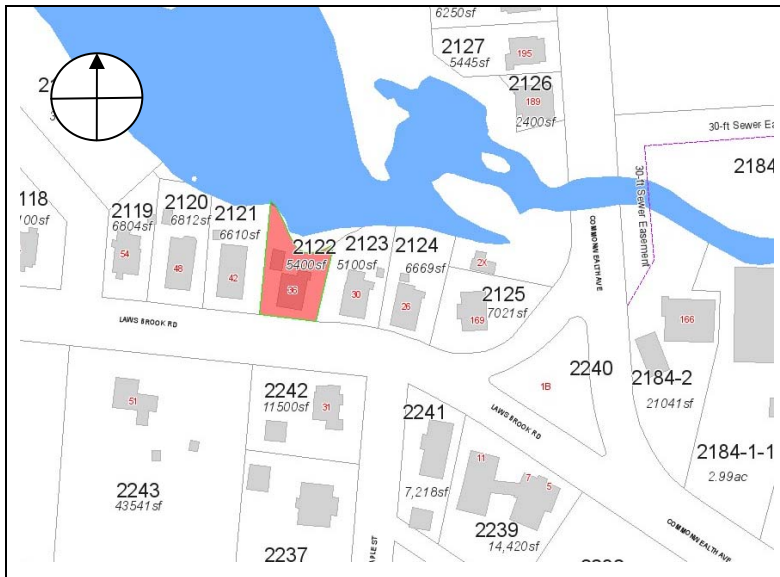
FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Concord

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CON.1454

Town/City: Concord

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

Address: 36 Laws Brook Rd.

Historic Name: West End Land Company Rental Housing

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: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A late twentieth century, one-story, one-car garage is located northwest of the residence.

Major Alterations (with dates):

Vinyl Siding - Late Twentieth Century

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .12 Acres

Setting: Located on a small open lot at the south end of Warner's Pond. 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

36 LAWS BROOK ROAD

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

E, CZ CON.1454

☐ 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.

Like other properties on Laws Brook Road including 26, 30, 42, 48 and 54 Laws Brook Road, 36 Laws Brook Road (CON.1454) is a one-and-one-half story wood-frame Dutch Colonial Revival constructed during the first quarter of the Twentieth Century. The three-by-two 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 concrete foundation. The residence is capped by a front facing gambrel roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. A narrow three-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 are located on the west roof plane. The residence is clad with vinyl siding. A one-story, full-width hipped roof porch is located on the south facade. The roof of the porch is supported by turned wood posts resting on a raised wood deck. Screens partially obscure the view of the facade. Access to the residence is provided by an entry located at the east end of the facade. Two, 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows are located to the west of the entry. A one-story hipped roof ell projects out from the north elevation. A secondary entry is located on the east elevation of the ell. A one-story, one-car garage is located northwest of the residence. The garage is capped by a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Although altered by vinyl siding, 36 Laws Brook Road maintains the form and character defining features of an early twentieth century one-and one-half 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. 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.

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.

36 Laws Brook Road (CON.1454) appears to have been constructed during the early twentieth century by the West End Land Company and rented to numerous families throughout the twentieth century. The property first appears in the 1910 census as the rental residence of John Clay (b 1862) and his wife, Elizabeth (b 1863). John was employed as an engineer at the State Reformatory in Concord. In 1930, the property was the rental residence of James H. Deneill (b 1886), an instructor at the reformatory and his wife Grace (b 1896) and in 1940, the property was occupied by Walter Burrill (b 1890), an instructor at the reformatory and his wife, Eula (b 1872). In 1961, the current owner, Henry P. Berlied, purchased the property from the West End Liquidation Trust.¹

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