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Inventory No:	CON.1536
Historic Name:	McKenzie, Leslie - Clement, John E. House
Common Name:	Rodman, Saul R. House
Address:	44 Derby St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1906
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.F: Derby Addition CON.DF: Derby Streetscape
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Concord

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

Address: 44 Derby St.

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: 1906-1909

Source: Historic Maps

Style/Form: Colonial Revival with Neoclassical Influence

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Rubble Stone

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Two-story side addition and inset porch - 1999

Vinyl replacement windows - Late Twentieth Century

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .230 Acres

Setting: Located on an open corner lot in a dense residential area adjacent to the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord. A hedgerow divides the property from the street.

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☒ 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.

44 Derby Street (CON.1536) is a one-and-one-half story Colonial Revival residence constructed with neoclassical influences. The gambrel roof is typically found on Dutch Colonial Revival buildings while the two story pedimented gable shows the neoclassical influences. The building adopts an irregular plan on a rubble stone foundation. The two-by-three bay building faces northeast and is setback approximately fifteen feet from Derby Street on a level lot. The building terminates in a side gambrel roof with an intersecting pedimented gable on the east roof plane which projects out beyond the facade. All roof planes are sheathed with asphalt shingles. The building is clad with painted wood clapboards. A one-bay entry porch with wood steps is located to the north of the projecting pedimented gable. The roof is supported by a robust wood column resting on a wood frame knee-wall. Access to the residence is provided by a wood panel door set within a simple wood surround. The projecting gable roofed bay rests on a rubble stone foundation. The first floor of the bay features a one-story bay window with 1/1 double-hung vinyl replacement windows. The bay is capped by a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The second floor of the bay features a paired 1/1 vinyl replacement sash below a pedimented gable. A one-and one-half story addition projects out from the east elevation of the projecting gable bay. A two-bay wide inset porch is located to the south of the projecting pedimented gable on the first floor. The roof of the porch is supported by robust wood columns resting on a wood frame knee-wall clad in wood clapboards. Secondary access to the residence is provided by a paired wood panel door at the north end of the porch. The opening is set within a simple wood surround. A set of wood steps provide access to the porch. To the south of the entry is a paired 1/1 double-hung set within a simple wood surround. Although altered by replacement windows and a large side addition, the principal block of 44 Derby Street maintains the form and details of a Colonial Revival residence constructed with neoclassical influences.

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.

In 1874 the "Derby Addition" was laid out to the south of Concord Junction on approximately 35 acres of land owned by Benjamin Derby. Benjamin Derby's farmstead was originally located northeast of Main Street until the late 1960s.¹ It appears that Benjamin Derby "anticipated the demand for housing heralded by the 1874 act of the Massachusetts legislature that authorized the building of a new State Prison, just north of Concord Junction."²

Derby Street and the easternmost area of Central Street were the earliest areas heavily developed in the "Derby Addition". The area contains single family and double houses built between 1890 and 1910 as speculative housing by Reformatory Officers and local residents for resale and rental to employees of the Reformatory, nearby factories including the Boston Harness Company, the 1906 Allen Chair Company or the Fitchburg Railroad.

Historic Maps indicate that 44 Derby Street (CON.1536) was constructed between 1906 and 1909. The property first appears in the 1910 census as the rental residence of Leslie McKenzie (b 1879) and his wife, Alice (b 1884). Leslie was employed as a cutter in a rubber factory. In 1920, the property is under the ownership of Concord Reformatory Officer, John E. Clement (b 1878) and his wife, Delia (b 1879). The Clements continued to reside on Derby Street in 1940. Subsequent owners include Saul

¹ Anne Forbes, Massachusetts Historical Commission. The "Derby Addition" (CON.F) *Concord Massachusetts*. Concord, Mass: Concord Historical Commission, 1988. [CFPL]

² Ibid

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R. Rodman and Patricia A. Rodman (1948-1954)³ and Carl G. Sproul and Gertrude M. Sproul (1954-1996).⁴ The current owner, Michael T. Hammonds purchased the property in 1996 from the Sprouls.⁵

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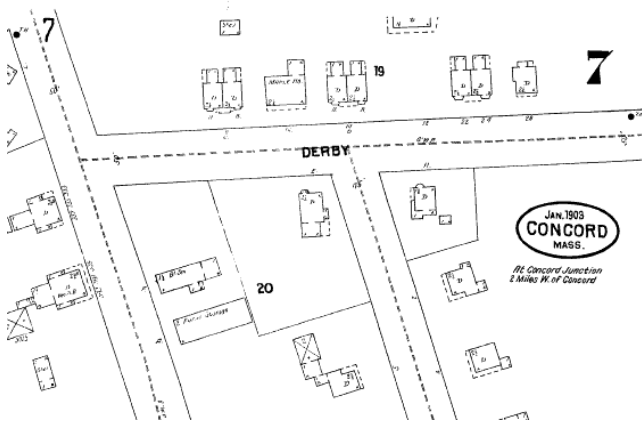
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From the 1903 Sanborn Insurance Map, 44 Derby Street not shown.

³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 7349 Page 485.

⁴ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 8295 Page 535.

⁵ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 26104 Page 479.

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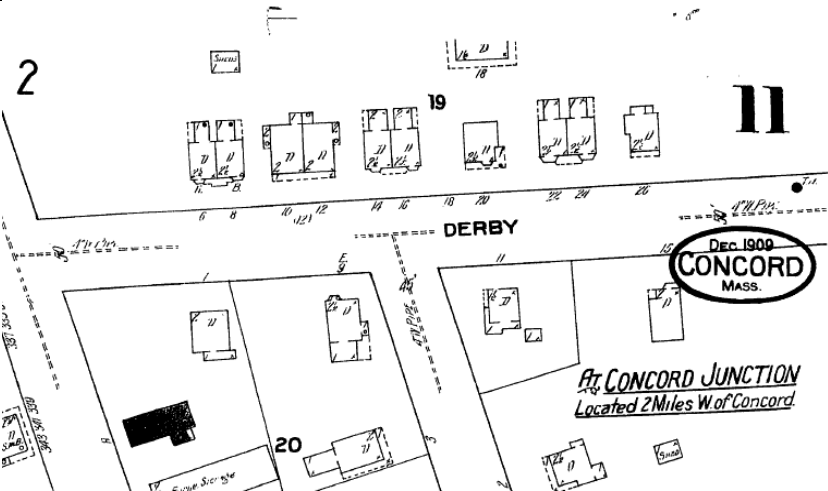
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From the 1909 Sanborn Insurance Map, 44 Derby Street was numbered 15 Derby Street

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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**

Statement of Significance by Geoffrey Melhuish

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

Although modified by replacement windows and a large side addition, 44 Derby Street maintains the form and details of a Colonial Revival styled residence constructed in West Concord during the early twentieth century. The residence possesses a high degree of integrity of design, setting and workmanship. The property meets criterion A and C at the local level and would be a contributing property in a potential Historic District. Many of the homes along Derby Street and Central Street maintain a high degree of architectural integrity. Most of the buildings were constructed during the second half of the nineteenth century and the first quarter of the twentieth century and are historically significant for their association with the industrial and residential growth of Concord Junction in the last quarter of the nineteenth century and early twentieth century. Exact boundaries of a potential National Register District within this area remain to be determined; however the boundaries of a potential district might include the area defined by Main Street to the north, Derby Street to the east, Riverside Avenue and Pleasant Street to the south, West Street to the west and the section of Central Street within.