

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.1537
Historic Name:	Fowler, Harriet A. House
Common Name:	Manosh, Nelson - Rapson, Chester House
Address:	45 Derby St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1900
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
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 Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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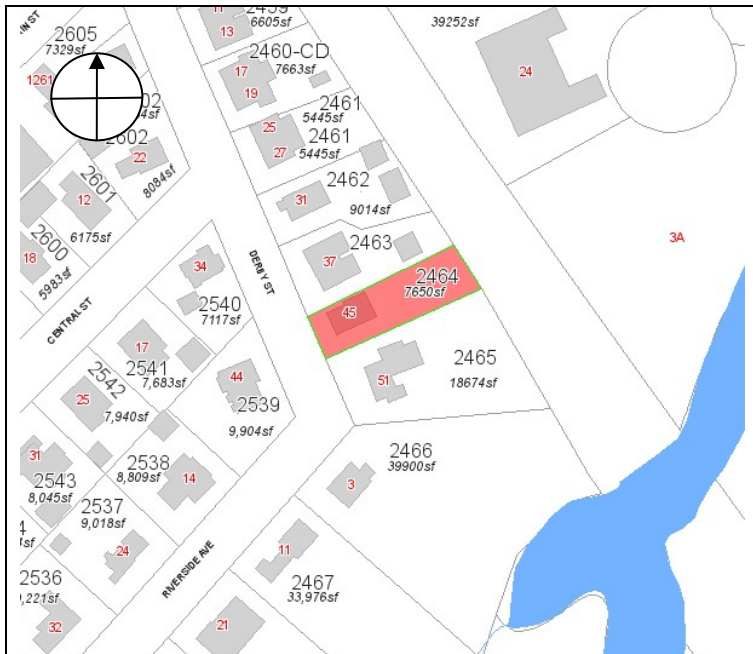
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Locus Map



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Town/City: Concord

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

Address: 45 Derby St.

Historic Name: Harriet A. Fowler House

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1900

Source: Middlesex County Deeds and Historic Maps

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Door and Window Replacements - 2007

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .18 Acres

Setting: Located on a narrow lot in a dense residential area adjacent to the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord. The lot is defined by mature vegetation.

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45 DERBY 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.

45 Derby Street (CON.1537) is a two-and-one-half story front gabled residence. The two -by-two bay residence faces southwest and is setback approximately fifteen feet back from the edge of the street. The building is constructed on a stone foundation. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. One interior brick chimneys pierces the north roof plane of the residence. The residence is clad with wood clapboards. A one-story full width hipped roof porch is featured on the facade. The roof of the porch is supported by slender turned wood columns resting on a raised wood deck. Access to the residence is provided by an entry at the south end of the west elevation. A paired 2/2 double-hung vinyl replacement window is located to the north of the entry. Windows are all vinyl replacements. A one-and-one half story bay projects from the north elevations. The bay is capped by a shed roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Although altered by replacement widows, 45 Derby Street maintains the form of an early twentieth century residence.

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.

45 Derby Street (CON.1537) was constructed ca. 1900 by Harriet A. Fowler (b 1825). The Fowler family owned other double and single family dwellings on this street in 1906 including 11-13 Derby Street (CON.1528), 17-19 Derby Street (CON.1530), 25-27 Derby Street (CON.1532), and 37-39 Derby Street (CON.1535). By 1921, the property was under the ownership of chairmaker Nelson Manosh (b 1880) and his wife, Ethel E. (b 1885). The Manosh family occupied Derby Street through the middle of the twentieth century until it was sold in 1953 to Chester and Merle Rapson.³ The property is currently owned by William J. Hurley.⁴

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² Ibid

³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 8024 Page 94.

⁴ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 54812 Page 215.

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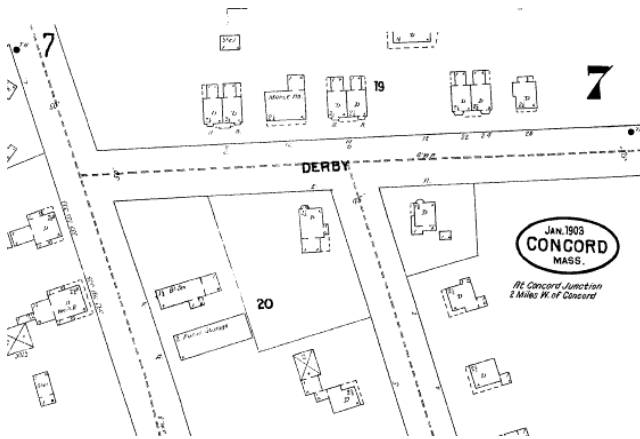
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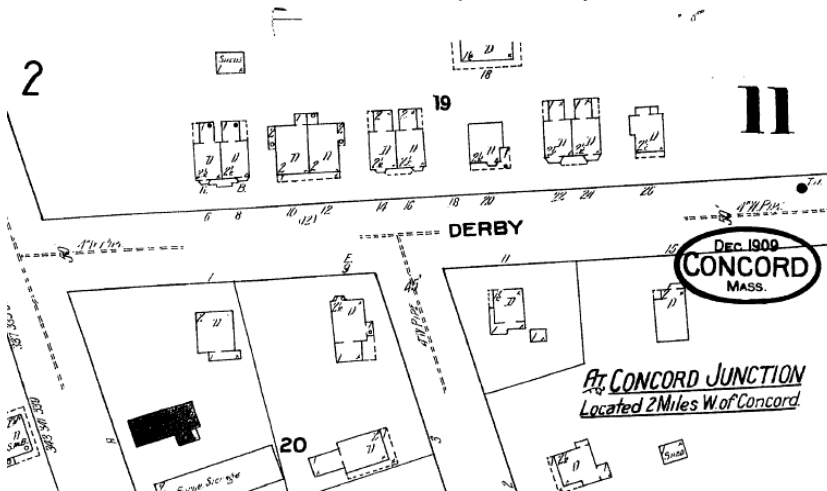
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From the 1903 Sanborn Insurance Map, 45 Derby Street was numbered 28 Derby Street



From the 1909 Sanborn Insurance Map, 11-13 Derby Street was numbered 26 Derby Street

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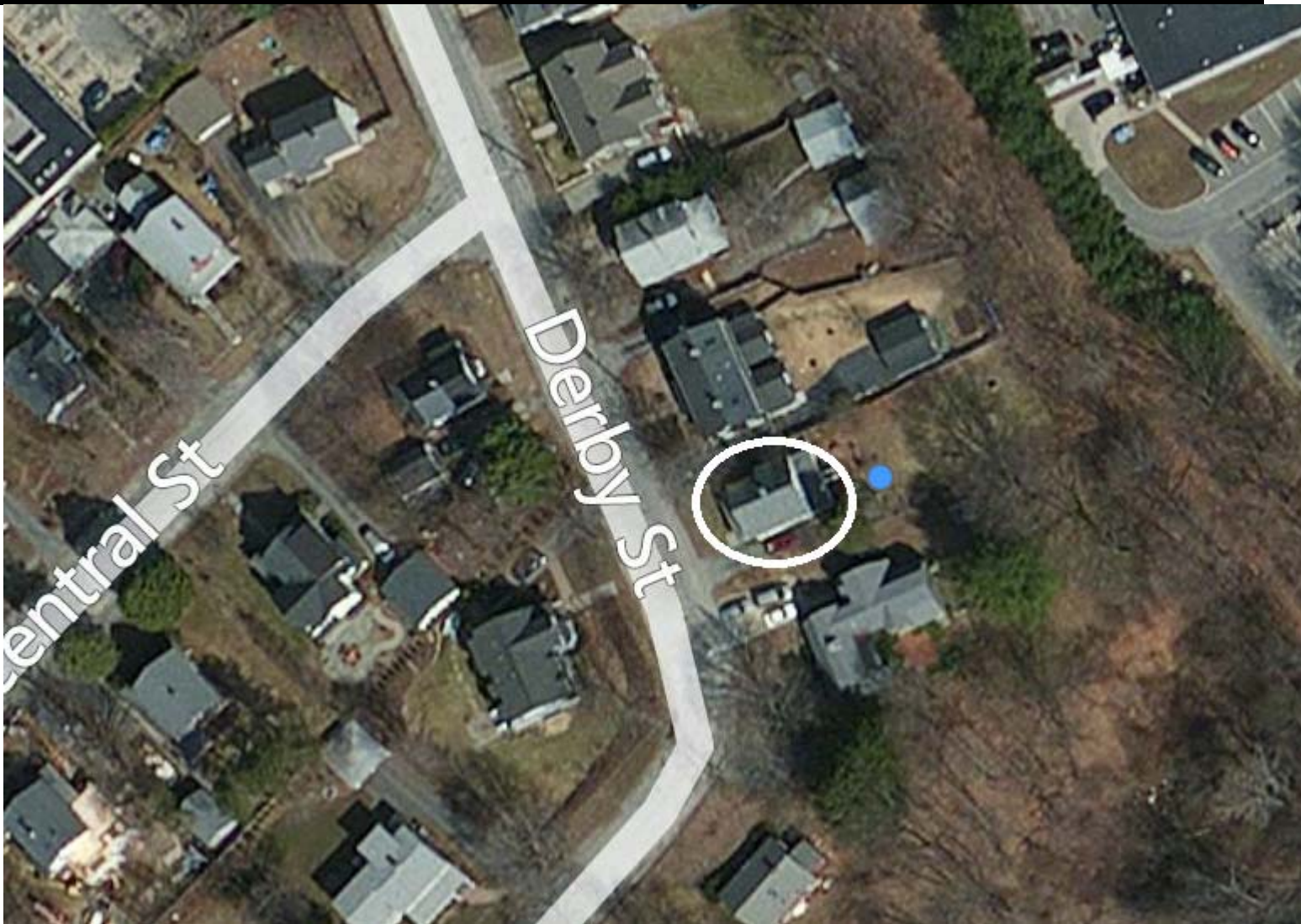
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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

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, 45 Derby Street maintains the form of a modest front gable residence constructed in West Concord during the early twentieth century. 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.