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Inventory No:	CON.1842
Historic Name:	Bergemann, Robert J. Jr. House
Common Name:	
Address:	48 Upland Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1962
Architect(s):	Bergemann, Robert J. Jr.
Architectural Style(s):	International Style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.CR: Upland Road Area
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Tar, Built-up Wall: Concrete Cinderblock; Concrete Unspecified Foundation: Concrete Unspecified



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FORM B – BUILDING

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

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Concord

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1843

Town/City: Concord

Place: (neighborhood or village):
West Concord

Address: 48 Upland Rd.

Historic Name: Robert J. Bergemann Jr. House

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1962

Source: Concord Building Department Records

Style/Form: International style

Architect/Builder: Robert J. Bergemann Jr.

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Concrete, Concrete Block and Glass

Roof: Built-up

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A contemporary car port is located south of the residence on the north side of Upland Road (CON.1843)

Major Alterations (with dates):

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ Date:

Acreage: 1.35 Acres

Setting: Located on a steep wooded lot which borders the Assabet River. The lot is isolated from the other properties in the neighborhood by its wedge-shaped lot and mature tree growth.

Photograph



Locus Map



Recorded by: Geoffrey Melhuish

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Date (month / year): July 2013

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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.

48 Upland Road (CON.1842) is an international style residence which is set back in the woods and partially obscured from view by mature evergreens and deciduous trees. The building is located on the north side of Upland Road approximately five-hundred feet west of the intersection of Old Marlboro Road. The property is located on the south shore of the Assabet River. The two-story residence adopts an irregular plan and is constructed of concrete, concrete block with glass infill. The residence is capped by a flat roof constructed of built up roofing material. Access to the residence is provided by an entry at the east end of the south elevation. A car port (CON.1843) is located south of the residence on the north side of Upland Road. The car port is constructed of concrete block end walls with metal posts which support the flat roof. The roof framing of the roof is exposed. Mid-century modern properties have just recently begun to be studied; 48 Upland Road appears to be a well-preserved example of the type constructed in Concord during the mid-twentieth century with a carport that is contemporary to the construction of the house.

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.

Upland Road developed on the edge of the 19th century village of West Concord in the first half of the 20th century. The street was developed by Kennan Damon and his partners in the Riverview Trust and was the first area south of the Assabet River to be subdivided in West Concord. The developers extended Pine Street to the south and largely paid for the construction of the Pine Street Bridge in 1927. The bridge was replaced in 1941.

The property was purchased in 1946 by Robert J. Bergemann Jr. (1922-2010).¹ Robert was employed as a staff engineer at the MIT Lincoln Laboratory. During the height of the Cold War, Robert headed up the Space Surveillance Group at the Lincoln Laboratory which was investigating the use of electro optics for space surveillance.² A building permit application dated January 25, 1962 in the Town of Concord Building Department files indicates that Robert was the architect and contractor for the construction of the house. The Building department files also contains hand drawn sketches of the exterior and interior spaces by Robert J. Bergemann Jr.

On 19 January 2011, a project consisting of demolishing the existing single-family dwelling and carport and reconstructing a new single-family dwelling, deck and an attached garage, and other improvements to the property including the removal of "*the existing 1000-gallon oil tank and bomb shelter*" was brought before The Natural Resources Commission DEP File #137-1102 due to the fact that the property is located in the 200-foot Riverfront Area of the Assabet River. At the Commission meeting on 23 March 2011, the demolition of the existing single-family dwelling and carport was approved. As of April 2013, the property is still standing. The property is still owned by the Bergemann family in 2013.³

¹ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 6936 Page 521.

² Alan A. Grometstein, ed. MIT Lincoln Laboratory: Technology in support of National Security, Lexington, MA: Lincoln Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2011, pp. 176-177.
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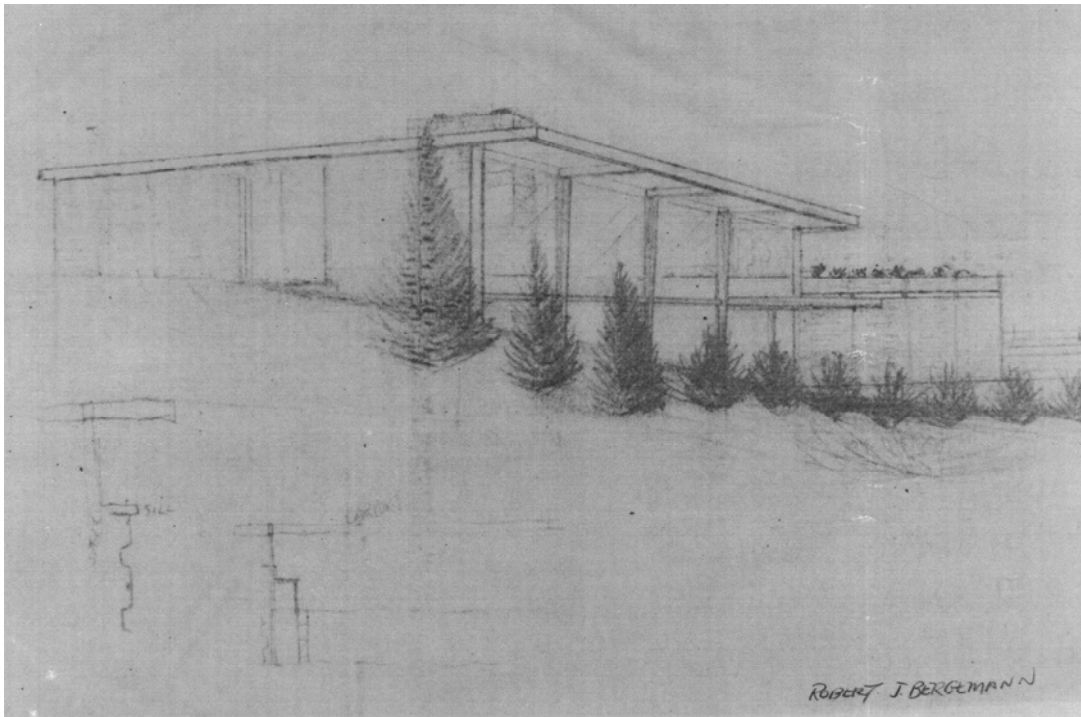
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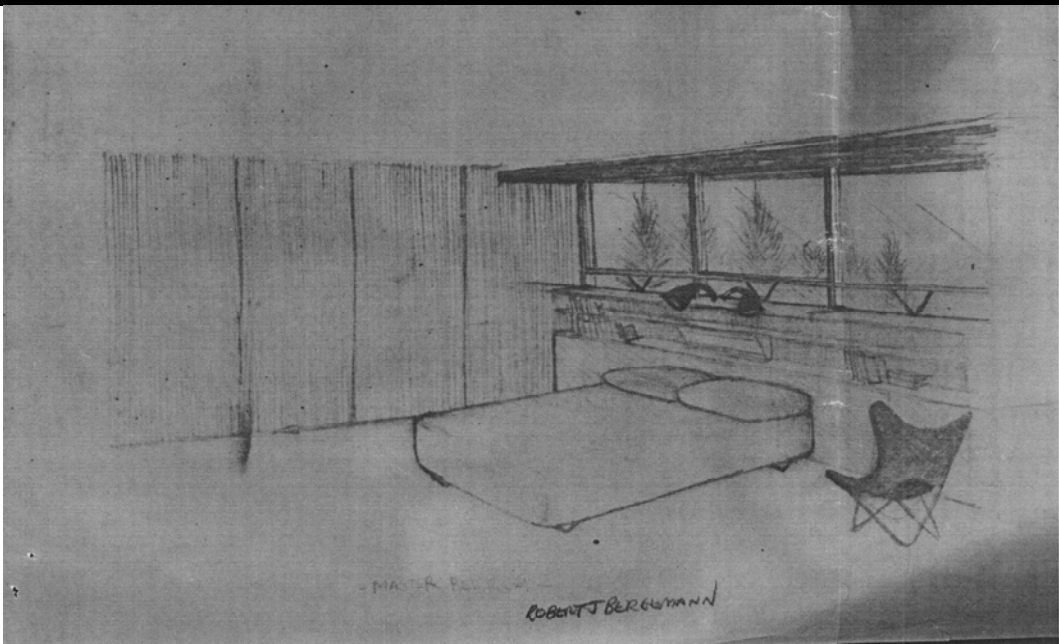
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