

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.1458
<b>Historic Name:</b>	West End Land Company House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Perry, Albert E. - Woodin, David R. House
<b>Address:</b>	54 Laws Brook Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	West Concord
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1910
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Colonial Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.E: Concord Junction CON.CZ: Laws Brook Road Streetscape
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Vinyl Siding; Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified; Stone, Uncut



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# FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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

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## Photograph



**Town/City:** Concord

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

**Address:** 54 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:** Architectural Style and Census Records

**Style/Form:** Dutch Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Stone and Concrete

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

A modern shed is located northeast of the residence.

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Vinyl Siding - Late Twentieth Century

Primary and secondary entry porches - Late Twentieth Century

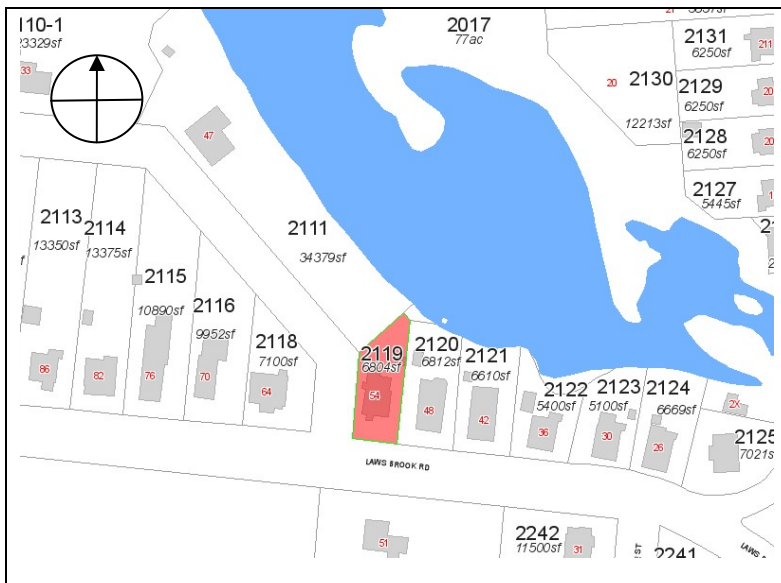
**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** .16 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.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Geoffrey Melhuish

**Organization:** ttl-architects

**Date** (*month / year*): July 2013

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# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CONCORD

54 LAWS BROOK ROAD

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Area(s) Form No.

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

E, CZ CON.1458

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, 36, 42, and 48 Laws Brook Road, 54 Laws Brook Road (CON.1458) is a one-and-one-half story wood-frame Dutch Colonial Revival residence. The two-by-four 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 stone and concrete foundation. Typical of the style, the residence is capped by a front facing gambrel roof. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. A narrow 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, hipped roof entry porch is located at the west end of the south elevation. The roof of the porch is supported by turned wood posts resting on a raised wood deck. Access to the residence is provided by a one-light over panel wood door. The opening is set within a simple wood surround. Two, 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows are located to the east of the entry. A secondary entry is located at the north end of the west elevation. The opening is protected by a one-story, hipped roof entry porch. A one-story shed roof ell projects out from the north elevation. 54 Laws Brook Road maintains the form and character defining features of an early twentieth century one-and one-half story 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.

## 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.

54 Laws Brook Road (CON.1458) was owned by the Concord West End Land Company for much of the twentieth century. The property appears to have been constructed during the early twentieth century by the West End Land Company and rented to Albert E. Perry (b 1870) and his wife, Catherine (b 1880) from the 1920s through 1940. Albert was employed as a finisher in a chair shop. In 1951, David R. Woodin and Sigrun E. Woodin purchased the property from Burleigh I. Pratt and Philip A. Davis, trustees on the Concord West End Land Company.<sup>1</sup> The Woodin family maintained ownership of 54 Laws Brook Road until 2011 when Robert D. Woodin sold the property to Michael Balin.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 7769 Page 272.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 56660 Page 32.

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