

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.107
Historic Name:	McManus House
Common Name:	
Address:	61 Middle St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	G9-752
Year Constructed:	c 1900
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Synthetic Other; Wood Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

G9-752

CONCORD

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Town CONCORD

SECT 6

(neighborhood or village) _____

Concord Center

Address 61 Middle Street

Historic Name McManus House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Year of Construction ca. 1900

Source maps; style; Keyes

Form Queen Anne

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble stone

Wall/Trim synthetic siding

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures none

Major Alterations (with dates) 20th C.:

some trim gone or concealed

Condition fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage less than one acre

Setting On side street of primarily

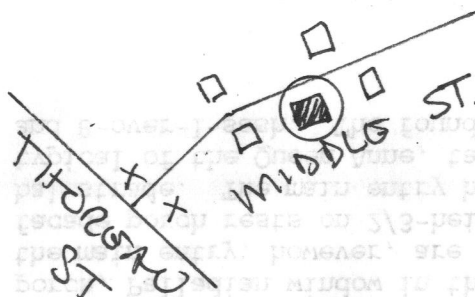
mid-nineteenth century wood-frame

houses. Two granite posts

at front; picket fence west side.

Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.



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Organization for Concord Historical Commission

Date (month/day/year) June, 1991

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

61 Middle Street is significant as one of the few examples at Concord center of a Queen Anne style house in its "free classic" mode. The asymmetry of the house and its emphasis on complexity of form (manifested in features such as the "cut-out" facade corners and projecting gables and bays) is pure Queen Anne. The pedimented gables and porch, Palladian window in the main gable and keystone arch and leaded sidelights at the main entry, however, are classical forms typical of this variant of the style. The facade porch rests on 2/3-height square posts, and has both a solid and spindle-work balustrade. The main entry has a single-light glass-and-panel door. The windows, typical of the Queen Anne, take a variety of forms, from the Palladian through 6-over-1 and 8-over-1-sash. The foundation is rubble stone.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

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.

This house was built by brothers Philip and Francis McManus for their family, including their mother and three sisters, Annie, Catherine, and Susan. Francis was married, and ~~lived on Lexington Road and~~ by 1906^{wife} at #63 Wood Street. Philip, however, a bachelor, lived at #61 Middle with the rest of the family from at least 1905 until his death in 1931. During the 1890's the two brothers acquired Charles Brooks's livery business at the corner of Middle and Thoreau Streets, and subsequently the house of Charles's mother, Mrs. Isaiah Brooks at #69 Middle Street, directly behind the stable. (See Form # .) #61 was built a few years later on the eastern part of the lot for #69.

Like most early-twentieth-century livery stables, the McManus livery was phased out by the coming of the automobile. It became a garage taxi business, still carried on by Francis at the time of his death in 1936. Philip McManus also owned considerable real estate in the Middle Street area, which was rented to tenants--including 25 and 43 Middle Street, and 42/44 Thoreau Street, where he lived at the turn of the century.

In the late 1930's Edward McManus (Francis' son, b. 1901) lived at #61 with his wife. (at that time his twin brother, John, and his wife were living at #33 Middle Street.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

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 Concord Vital Records.

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