

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.445
Historic Name:	McMillan, Caroline House
Common Name:	
Address:	71 Spencer Brook Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Bateman's Pond; North Quarter
Local No:	E2-1571-1
Year Constructed:	1936
Architect(s):	Bent, John
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.CJ: Bateman's Pond Area II
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Concrete Unspecified



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Assessor's number

E2-1571-1

USGS Quad

WESTFORD

Area(s)

C5

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CONCORD

Section A

Neighborhood or village)

*BATEMAN
PP. NORTH QUARTER*

71 Spencer Brook Road

Name *Mc Millan House*

Type dwelling

Use dwelling

Construction 1936-7

Owner's records;
Building permits

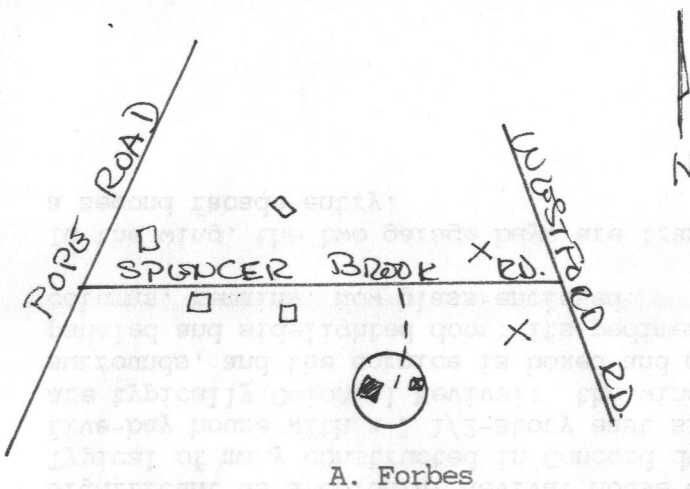
Col. Revival

Builder John Bent, builder



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.



Exterior Material:

Foundation concrete

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Ca. 1960: addition at rear, one-story extension on facade, flanking main entry; glass vestibule at entry.

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage 52.7 acres

Setting Back from road on south side at end of long drive. Pasture in front, Mid 20th century barn to east.

Recorded by for Concord Hist. Commission

Organization July, 1992

Date (month/day/year)

CON. 445

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

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

#71 Spencer Brook Road, in spite of the one-story additions to its facade, is significant as a Colonial Revival house designed and built by a local builder. Typical of many constructed in Concord during the 1930's, it is a 2 1/2-story, five-bay house with a 1 1/2-story east side wing with integral garage. The details are typically Colonial Revival: the windows are 6-over-6-sash, with molded surrounds, and the cornice is boxed and molded. The main center entry has a paneled and sidelighted door; its pedimented hood, supported on a pair of Tuscan columns, remains, now glass-enclosed.

In the wing, the two garage bays are framed with wide arches; a third arch contains a second facade entry.

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 for Caroline McMillan, wife of John McMillan of #110 Spencer Brook Road. In the early-mid-1930's the McMillans, who had formerly lived on Barrett's Mill Road, purchased much of the land and buildings along Spencer Brook Road. This property was evidently purchased from the estate of Martinus Helscher. The McMillans moved to #110 in 1935, and the next year Mrs. McMillan hired local builder John (Jack) Bent to construct this house.

When the new house was built, an old farmhouse on the property, possibly dating to 1723, was torn down. According to Ruth Wheeler, it had probably been built by Jacob Farrar, who inherited part of the 180 acres purchased from John Jones in 1697 by "Cornet" Jacob Farrar (d. 1722--see #110 Spencer Brook Road). This farm, then 60 acres, and under a three-year lease to Charles Melvin, was sold by one of Jacob's descendants in 1822 to Samuel Burr, a storekeeper in the center. He then sold it to John Le Gross (1790-1874), who is shown here in 1830, and owned it through much of the nineteenth century. (Deed research on this property is incomplete--the property may also have been owned at one time by John's father, Francis Le Gross.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Keyes/Tolman "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's.
Town Directories and tax lists.
Interview with owner, 7/92.
Building department records.

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