

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.91
Historic Name:	Cutler's Grocery Store - Bartolomeo's Fruit Store
Common Name:	
Address:	73 Thoreau St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	G9-777
Year Constructed:	c 1902
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Italianate
Use(s):	Market or Grocery Store; Speciality store
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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FORM B - BUILDING

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Assessor's number

G9-777

USGS Quad

CONCORD

Area(s)

Form Number

91

CON 91

Town CONCORD

(neighborhood or village)

Concord Center

Address 73 Thoreau Street

Historic Name

Present liquor store

Original double store

Period of Construction ca. 1902-3

Source maps; visual assessment

Style/Form utilitarian "false-front"

Architect/Builder Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation field stone

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof (not visible)

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures none

Major Alterations (with dates) 1980's:

windows, door replaced. Shallow

clapboard extension at rear.

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acres less than one acre

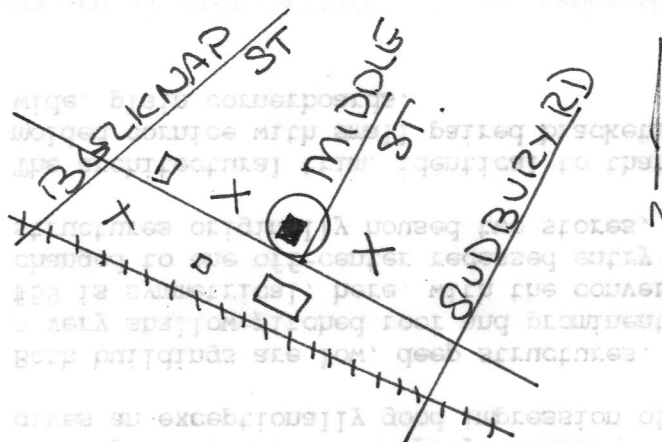
Setting Close to street on south-
east corner of Belknap, in line

of 1-story twentieth-century

store buildings.

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.



Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization for Concord Historical Commission

Date (month/day/year) June, 1991

CON-91
BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

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

Like its companion at the other end of the block, #59 Thoreau St., #73 is significant as one of only two examples in Concord of a vanishing early-twentieth-century building type--the small, one-story wooden "false-front" store. Although it has a late-twentieth century door, and its display windows are now metal-framed instead of wood, it still gives an exceptionally good impression of what this type was like.

Both buildings are low, deep structures, nearly as wide as their narrow lots. Each has a very shallow-pitched roof and prominent "false front" over the facade. The facade at #59 is symmetrical; here, with the conversion to a single store instead of two, it has changed to one off-center recessed entry and five large 4-light display windows. Both structures originally housed two stores, running the length of the building.)

The architectural trim, identical to that at #59, consists of the high false front, a molded cornice with small paired brackets and returns on the facade, a sill board, and wide, plain cornerboards.

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.

Like #59, #73 Thoreau Street is a vivid reminder of the small commercial center that gradually grew up opposite the Fitchburg Depot at the beginning of this century. #73, standing by 1903, was built first, and #59 shortly afterward on small parcels of land carved out of the corners of James Garty's large lot, which had stretched from his house at #60 Middle Street (see Form # ,) to Thoreau. Although the coming of the railroad in 1844 inspired such heavy-duty enterprises as the coal, lumber, and grain yards on the west side of the tracks, with a century-old commercial area thriving to the east at Main and Walden Streets, small commercial growth around the depot was relatively slow. With the exception of the depot and baggage office on the west side of Thoreau and a small fire house and the livery stable of the McManus brothers on the east, #59 and 73 were the only buildings on the street between Sudbury Road and Belknap Street as late as 1918.

Each store building was built to house two stores. The north half of #73 was occupied by the grocery store of Frank Cutler, which had formerly been located on Belknap Street. Sometime after 1909 John Bartolomeo, who had a fruit store on Main Street, opened a second store here in the south half.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Maps and atlases: 1906; Sanborns from 1903.

Town Directories.

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Garrelick and Bailey. Concord in the Days of Strawberries and Streetcars.

- ☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Community
CONCORD

Property Address
73 Thoreau St.

CON. 91

Area(s)	Form No.
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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form



Recommended:

☐ Individually ☒ District ☒ Contributing to a Potential Historic District

Criteria:

A	B	C	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Statement of Significance by Anne McCarthy Forbes

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

#73 Thoreau Street is an extremely rare survivor of an early-twentieth-century wood-frame store building, and with its companion at #59 Thoreau contributes significantly to a small commercial area of early-twentieth-century "false-front" store buildings. It thus meets Criterion C. as part of a National Register District.