

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.1461
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Warner, Ralph House
<b>Common Name:</b>	McGilvray, John C. - Jacobs, William H. House
<b>Address:</b>	76 Laws Brook Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	West Concord
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1874
<b>Architect(s):</b>	Warner, Ralph
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<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: Wood; Wood Shingle Foundation: Brick



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# FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Locus Map



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

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Concord

E,CZ

CON.1461

**Town/City:** Concord

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

**Address:** 76 Laws Brook Rd.

**Historic Name:** Ralph Warner Rental House

**Uses:** Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1874

**Source:** Historic Maps

**Style/Form:** No Style

**Architect/Builder:** Ralph Warner

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

A modern wood-frame garden shed is located northwest of the residence.

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

Rear addition - 2006

Vinyl replacement windows - Late Twentieth Century

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

**Acreage:** .25 Acres

**Setting:** Located in a dense residential area adjacent to the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord.

**Recorded by:** Geoffrey Melhuish

**Organization:** ttl-architects

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

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# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CONCORD

76 LAWS BROOK ROAD

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Area(s) Form No.

E, CZ CON.1461

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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.*

76 Laws Brook Road (CON.1461) is a one-and-one-half story wood-frame workers residence. The three-by-five bay building faces south and adopts a rectangular shaped plan on a brick foundation. The residence is set back approximately twenty feet from the street on a level lot. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridge of the roof. Three gable roof wall dormers are featured on the west elevation and a shed roof wall dormer and gable roof wall dormer are featured on the east elevation. Windows are replacements. The building is clad with painted wood shingles. A one-story, full-width enclosed entry porch is located on the south facade. The porch terminates in a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Access is provided by a centrally located entry. The entry is flanked by storm windows. Two, 6/6 double-hung vinyl replacement windows are located in the gable end above. The openings are set within simple wood surrounds capped by a horizontal hood; an Italianate influence. A two-story addition projects out to the north from the rear elevation. The addition is capped by a gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. A secondary entry porch is located along the east elevation of the addition. The porch is capped by a shed roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Although altered by vinyl replacement windows and a large addition, the principal block of 76 Laws Brook Road maintains the form and fenestration of a late nineteenth century front gable rental residence constructed in West Concord.

## 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.

76 Laws Brook Road (CON.1461) appears to have been constructed ca. 1874 under the direction of Ralph Warner. The property is identified on the 1906 map as still under the ownership of R. Warner. Census records from the early twentieth century identify that the property was occupied by John C. McGilvray (b 1864), a fitter in a harness factory and his wife, Mary (b 1867) in 1900. John had immigrated from Prince Edward Island in 1889 and his wife from Ireland in 1883. The two were married in 1891. In 1920, William H. Jacobs (b 1858), a polisher in a chair factory and his wife, Catherine (b 1859) resided on Laws Brook Road. In 1930, the property was purchased by Antonio and Michelina DiRuzzo (Deruzzo and Durrosso) from Florence M. Orrill.<sup>1</sup> Antonio immigrated from Italy in 1908 worked as a painter in the chair factory. His wife, Michelina immigrated in 1920. The property is still owned by the Deruzzo family in 2013.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 5434 Page 294.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 45699 Page 233.



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