

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.272
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Fitzgerald, Herbert House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Riverview
<b>Address:</b>	93 Coolidge Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	F10-3959
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	1888
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Shingle Style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

F10-3959

CONCORD

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Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Town CONCORD

Sent-B

(neighborhood or village) P1.2

Address 93 Coolidge Road

Historic Name Herbert Fitzgerald House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Year of Construction 1888

Source Richardson, Concord Chronicle

Form Shingle Style

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone

Wall/Trim wood shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures garage, two sheds.

Major Alterations (with dates) mid-late 20th

C.: picture window on facade, deck, sunroom added at SW rear; turret raised to 3-stories (?)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage 4.97 acres

Setting On large hillside lot at end of

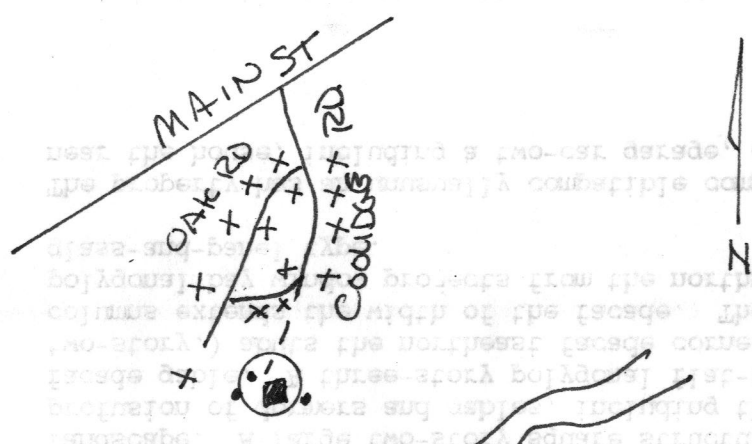
Coolidge Rd. Overlooks bend in Sudbury

River, with wooded landscape beyond.



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 May, 1991

Date (month/day/year) May, 1991

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

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

One of Concord's simpler Shingle Style houses, #93 Coolidge Road is certainly true to its name, "Riverview." It stands on a hill above the Sudbury River, its side to the end of the road, its facade facing northeast over a sloping lawn toward the river landscape. A large two-story square structure, it has a high pyramidal roof and a profusion of dormers and gables, including that hallmark of the Shingle Style, a double facade gable. A three-story polygonal flat-roofed turret (possibly originally two-story,) abuts the northeast facade corner. A spacious veranda on heavy Tuscan columns extends the width of the facade. The windows are 2-over-1-sash; a one-story polygonal bay window projects from the northwest side. The main door is a large glass-and-panel type.

The property has an unusually compatible component of shingled outbuildings clustered near the house, including a two-car garage, early garage/shed, and a small shed.

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.*

#93 Coolidge Road is important, not just as an example of the many late-nineteenth-century "gentlemen's farms" constructed or refurbished in Concord, but also for its connection with the development of the neighborhood around it.

The house, which was named "Riverview", was built overlooking the Sudbury River in 1888 for James F. Fitzgerald (who subsequently changed his name to Herbert to avoid confusion with many other James or John Fitzgeralds.) He had come to Concord from Texas, and bought 70 acres of land, with buildings, just southwest of Concord center from Joseph D. Brown [see # Main Street], which he farmed for a number of years. (Maps indicate that among the buildings he owned was #572 Main Street [NR].) In 1897 Fitzgerald divided his farm into 23 lots laid out on either side of the street that was later (in the 1930's) to be called Coolidge Road. He sold 21 of them to Sidney Coolidge (b. 1864), while retaining the two, totaling about 7 acres, on which his own house and greenhouses were situated. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

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Middlesex Registry of Deeds.

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

## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORDH. Fitzgerald House

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

No houses were built on the new road for several years. Herbert Fitzgerald died ca. 1900, and in 1905 Sidney Coolidge bought the house and its surrounding land from Charles A. Fitzgerald. Coolidge and his wife Mary appear to have moved their family here, as they are listed as living on Main Street (this house would have had a Main Street address,) from at least 1913 to the 1930's. Their son, Sidney Coolidge, Jr., returned home from California in 1933, and was apparently involved in the construction of the first houses on the rest of Coolidge Road.

In 1943 the house was purchased by John and Mabel Shaw.



*Landscape, 93 Coolidge Road*