

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.1466
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Gaddis, John House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Brigham, John H. - Halloran, Louis E. House
<b>Address:</b>	104 Laws Brook Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	West Concord
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1885
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Victorian Eclectic
<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 Clapboard Foundation: Brick; Concrete Cinderblock



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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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CON.1466

**Town/City:** Concord

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

**Address:** 104 Laws Brook Rd.

**Historic Name:** John and Jane Gaddis House

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

Original: Single-family Residential

**Date of Construction:** ca.1885

**Source:** Census Records and Historic Maps

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Brick and Concrete Block

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

A late nineteenth century, one-and-one-half story barn is located northwest of the residence

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

Infilled Porch - Late Twentieth Century

Window replacements - 1996

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

**Acreage:** .50 Acres

**Setting:** Located in a dense residential area adjacent to the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord. The house is set along the west edge of the lot with a wide grassy area to the north and east. Mature trees define the lot boundary.

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# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CONCORD

104 LAWS BROOK ROAD

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Area(s) Form No.

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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.*

104 Laws Brook Road (CON.1466) is a two-and-one-half story, wood-frame Queen Anne style residence. The dominant front facing gable, two-story side bay and asymmetrical wrap-around front porch are typical characteristics of the Queen Anne style. The three-by-two 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. Cornice returns and an overhanging eave frame the gable end. A gable roof dormer projects from the east roof plane. The dormer features paired 6/1 set within a simple wood surround. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the roof. A 6/1 double-hung replacement sash window is located in the gable end. The opening is framed by a simple wood surround capped by a slender hood mould. The building is clad with painted wood clapboards. Windows of the residence are 6/1 double-hung replacements. Each window is set within a simple wood surround. A one-story, enclosed wrap-around porch is featured on the facade and down the east elevation. The porch is constricted on a concrete block foundation. The porch terminates in a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Access is provided by a single-light over panel replacement door located at the east end. Storm and screen window units flank the opening. A two-story lower side gable bay projects from the east elevation of the residence. The one-bay wide by one-bay deep is capped by a gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Additionally, a two-story bay window is located on the west elevation. Decorative wood paneling is located below each window opening of the window - another Queen Anne detail. A one-and-one-half story barn is located northwest of the residence. The barn is capped by a side gable roof. A pair of sliding track wood doors at the west end of the south elevation provides access to the interior. Although altered by replacement windows, 104 Laws Brook Road maintains the form and fenestration of an Queen Anne style 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.

The John Gaddis House at 104 Laws Brook Road (CON.1466) was constructed ca. 1885 for John Gaddis (b 1835) a worker at the Warner Pail Factory and his wife, Jane (b 1837). The property appears on the 1889 map as the J. Cadiz property and on the 1906 Map as the John Gaddis property. John was living in the area, called Warnerville at the time as early as 1880; however, no address is given at that time. The 1910 census lists John as boarding at 29 Laws Brook Road with Robert M. Prentis and his wife Annie. In 1920, the property which is still listed as 29 Lawsbrook Road is the rental residence of John H. Brigham (b 1867), a truck driver and his wife, Flora (b 1884). The Brighams resided on Laws Brook Road through 1940. Subsequent owners include Louis E. and Flora C. Halloran (1944-1964);<sup>1</sup> Joseph J. and Jean Davidson (1964-1996);<sup>2</sup> and Patricia G. Cannava (1996 - 2012).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 10467 Page 24.

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104 LAWS BROOK ROAD

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