

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.446
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Helscher Barn
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	107 Spencer Brook Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Bateman's Pond; North Quarter
<b>Local No:</b>	E2-1566
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1817
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Colonial Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Out Building; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.CJ: Bateman's Pond Area II
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Wood Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut; Stone, Uncut



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## FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

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80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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Pl - North Quarter

107 Spencer Brook Road

former Helscher barn

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Owner's records

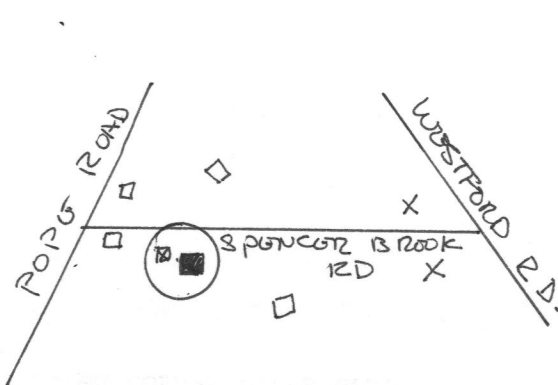
Col. Revival vernacular

unknown

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:

fieldstone and granite

## Foundation

wood shingle

## Wall/Trim

## Roof

wood shingle

## Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

stable/garage/barn

## Major Alterations (with dates)

converted to dwelling ca. 1940 (see page 2). Windows and main door replaced.

## Condition

fair/good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes

Date N/A

## Acreage

2.73 acres

## Setting

Back from road on south side;

Surrounded by lawn and mature trees.

Barn and outbuildings to west, large

meadow to southwest.

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## Organization

## Date (month/day/year)

July, 1992

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

This house, converted from a barn, is a 2 1/2-story, two-room deep structure, with an off-center chimney and a two-story rear wing. The facade is four bays wide. Most of the architectural embellishment is located at the off-center projecting lobby entrance, where a molded pediment surmounts a five-part transom, and a new 6-panel door is surrounded by a molded architrave and flanked by unfluted corner pilasters.

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 building was a barn, and was built, according to owners' records, in 1817. The accompanying farmhouse burned down early in this century, and in about 1940 it was converted to a dwelling by Betty and Jim Ford.

For most of the early 1900's this property, along with the former Wadley farm to the south and the Legross place just to the east, was owned by one of the area's many Scandinavian farmers, **Martinus Helsher**. He lived in the former farmhouse until it burned, and kept sheep in a barn that stood on the site of the present stable/garage.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps, atlases: 1875 (?).

Keyes/Tolman "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's.

Town Directories and tax lists.

Interview with owner, 4/6/91.

Interview with neighbors, 7/92.

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