

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.121
Historic Name:	Wheeler, Jonathan House
Common Name:	
Address:	119 Sudbury Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	G9-178
Year Constructed:	1845
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Italianate
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard; Wood Flushboard



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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USGS - CONCORD
SECT B

AREA

FORM NO.

121

CONCORD

Address 121 Sudbury Road

Historic Name Jonathan Wheeler House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

1845+

Style Keyes

Influence Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard
and flushboard

Outbuildings garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date N/A

Acreage 1.1 acre

Setting Near commercial

corner in neighborhood of 18th-19th-C.

houses. Decorative cast-iron fence

across front.

UTM REFERENCE Parcel G9-178

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

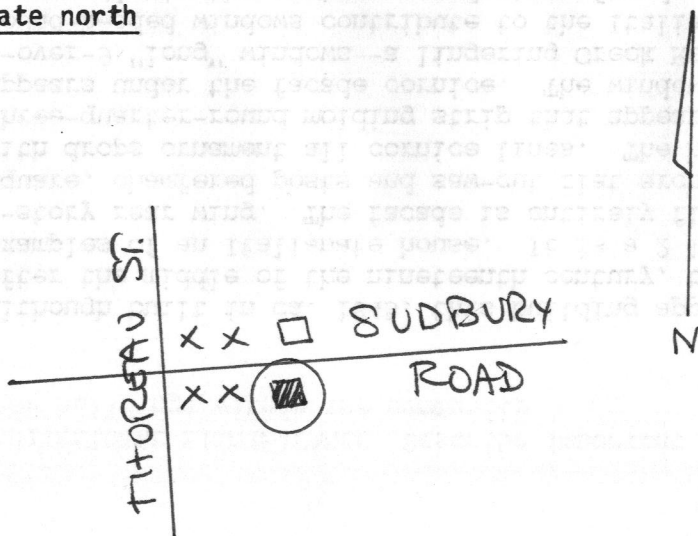
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Date July, 1990



Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location
in relation to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate all buildings
between inventoried property and nearest
intersection(s).
Indicate north



NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

For its association with the late nineteenth-century residential development of Concord center, and as a well-preserved example of the architecture of its time, this house meets Criteria A and C as part of a National Register district encompassing a town center of 17th- through early 20th-century buildings.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

Although built in ca. 1845, this building appears to have been updated, probably just after the middle of the nineteenth century, to become one of Concord center's best examples of an Italianate house. It is a 2 1/2-story, three-bay house with a long 2-story rear wing. The facade is entirely flushboarded, and has a wide veranda with square, chamfered posts and saw-cut flat arches with integral brackets. Paired brackets with drops ornament all cornice lines. The house corners are trimmed with the same three-quarter-round molding strip that appears at #49 Sudbury Road, and a dentil course appears under the facade cornice. The windows are primarily 6-over-6-sash, with 6-over-9 "long" windows--a lingering Greek Revival touch, on the facade. Several round-headed windows contribute to the Italianate aspect, however, including paired 4-over-4's in the center second-story facade and under each end gable, and a small dormer over the facade. (Cont.)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

This house was built for the marriage of Jonathan Wheeler, of the large Sudbury Road Wheeler family, (see #s 99 [NR] and 121 Sudbury Road,) and Deborah Savage Train in ca. 1845. Deborah was from Framingham, and it is said that she refused to move unless she could bring her three sisters with her--hence the large size of the house, big enough for everyone. Jonathan Wheeler had a dry goods store in East Cambridge, (to which he undoubtedly traveled, at least part way, on the nearby Fitchburg Railroad, which had been built through Concord in 1844.) He first owned the house next door at #99 as well, and he gave it to his wife soon after their marriage. (It is shown under the name "Mrs. Wheeler" by 1852.) Both buildings passed to their daughter Helen Wheeler Blanchard, (wife of Walter Blanchard,) in 1892, subsequently passing through many heirs. The house is still the property of their descendants.

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Maps, plans and atlases: 1830, 1852, 1856, 1875, 1889, 1893, 1906.
Interview with owner, 1990.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

CONCORD

Form No:

121

Property Name: Jonathan Wheeler

House

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

All windows are trimmed with shutters, heavy, molded lintels, and bracketed sills. The main entry has a polygonal glass and panel vestibule, which shelters a 4-panel door with full-length sidelights and transom. A second entry on the east side also has a transom, and a glass-and-panel door.



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