

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.378
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Magoren House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	137-139 Belknap St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Concord Center
<b>Local No:</b>	G9-611
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1870
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Victorian Eclectic
<b>Use(s):</b>	Multiple Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.Z: Back of the Depot - Fairgrounds
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Brick



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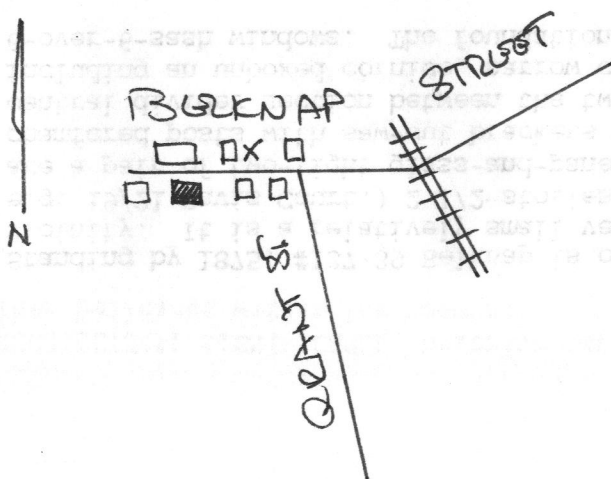
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FORM NO.

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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



CONCORD

137-39 Belknap Street

Address

Historic Name

Present double-house

Original double-house

Description

early 1870's

maps; style

vernacular

Architect

unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric

clapboard

Outbuildings

garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

none

Condition

good

Moved no

Date N/A

Acreage

less than one acre

Setting

In area of

primarily late-19th and early-20th C.

single and double houses.

UTM REFERENCE Parcel G9-611

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

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July, 1990

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

Standing by 1875, #137-39 Belknap is one of the early double-houses built in the vicinity. It is a relatively small version of a building type typical of its time, (see e.g. 19/21 Davis Court,) 2 1/2-stories, four bays across, with a rear wing. Its entries are a pair of two-light glass-and-panel doors, sheltered by a veranda on square chamfered posts with saw-cut brackets and a "Japanesque" balustrade that retains a central divider section between the two doors. All other trim is severely plain, including an unboxed cornice, narrow corner boards, and unadorned surrounds at the 6-over-6-sash windows. The foundation is brick.

**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 appears to have been built for two owners, Collins and Magoren, (Magurn,) who owned it jointly until at least 1889. Little is known about them. One, however, is probably laborer Thomas Magoren, who is shown on maps as the sole owner in 1906. By that time #143 had been built on the same lot. Thus #137-39 Belknap, like many of its neighbors, is typical of properties "back of the depot" in that its owners were likely of Irish descent, and owned a few buildings, at least some of which were rented out as "tenements". Also typical is the presence here of other family members, Henry, a blacksmith, and John, a clerk in Boston.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Town directories.

Maps, plans, and atlases: 1875, 1889, 1893, 1906; Sanborns from 1903.