

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.448
Historic Name:	Clarke - Mansfield House
Common Name:	
Address:	158 Spencer Brook Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Bateman's Pond; North Quarter
Local No:	E2-1565-3
Year Constructed:	c 1680
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.CJ: Bateman's Pond Area II
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Concrete Unspecified



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FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

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Area(s)

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Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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Neighborhood or village) BATMAN

North Quarter PP

158 Spencer Brook Road

Name Clarke/Mansfield House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Construction ca. 1680

Owner's records

Period First and "Second" period

Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation concrete

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures barn, shed/cottage

Major Alterations (with dates)

modern additions to south wing.

Condition good

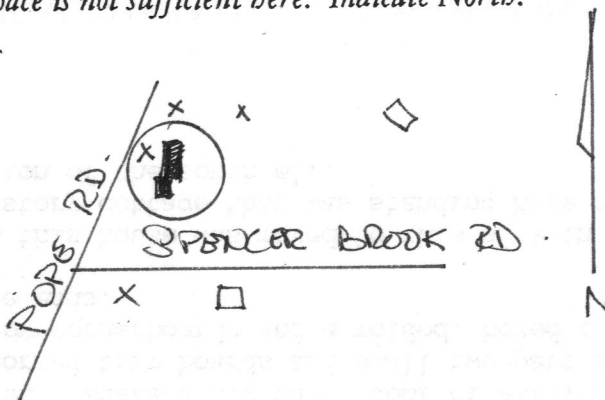
Moved ☐ no ☒ yes Date 1964

Acreage 1.95 acres

Setting Back from road on north side;
surrounded by lawn and mature trees.
Barn and meadow to north; cellar hole
to northeast.

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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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

Although it was not built in Concord, #158 Spencer Brook Road is significant as an illustration of a very early surviving First Period house, (built ca. 1680), which was raised and enlarged in the eighteenth century to a 2 1/2-story center-chimney "saltbox." The facade is five bays wide, but displays the asymmetry typical of First Period buildings. The windows are largely "Second-Period" (Georgian era) 6-over-9-sash, with some 6-over-6's. The main entry is in a projecting pedimented lobby entrance or "porch," where a six-panel door of early-nineteenth-century date is surrounded by unadorned trim boards and small two-part sidelights. The architectural trim consists of narrow cornerboards and a molded, boxed cornice without returns or roof overhang at the gable ends.

When this house was moved to this site in the early 1960's, it was connected to a small one-story cottage that was standing here on the farm. That building is now the inner section of the south ell.

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.

Owners' records show that the Clarke/Mansfield House was built in Lynnfield in ca. 1680. It was moved here in the early 1960's to what was part of the old Paul Dudley farm, which had a farmhouse standing in approximately this location by 1830. Maps indicate that by 1875 the property belonged to the Davis family. The main farmhouse, called by Keyes "the old red house," burned some time prior to 1885. Early in the twentieth century the farm was acquired by one of Concord's Scandinavian farmers, evidently one of several Olsens who settled on old farms in the vicinity at that period. Mons Olsen, who had operated the farm next east at #110 for many years, moved to the little cottage here in 1934 after he sold that property. After his death it was owned for many years by the Kelly family.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps, atlases: Dudley property: 1875.
Keyes/Tolman "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's.
Owner's records.

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