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Inventory No:	CON.391
Historic Name:	Hurd, Charles House
Common Name:	Wheeler, William Farm Manager's House
Address:	175 Simon Willard Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	F8-1787
Year Constructed:	c 1857
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival; No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House; Workers Housing
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	CON.AD: Nashawtuc Hill Area
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut



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FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

F8-1787

CONCORD

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Town

CONCORD

SECT A

neighborhood or village)

PP - CONCORD

Nashawtuc Farm

175 Simon Willard Road

farm foreman's house (?)

dwelling

dwelling

ca. 1857- 1860

visual assessment

astylistic, with

some Colonial Revival update

unknown

ect/Builder

Exterior Material:

dressed granite

Foundation

wood shingle

Wall/Trim

asphalt shingle

Roof

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

sliding glass doors in S. facade;
(see page 2).

Condition

good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

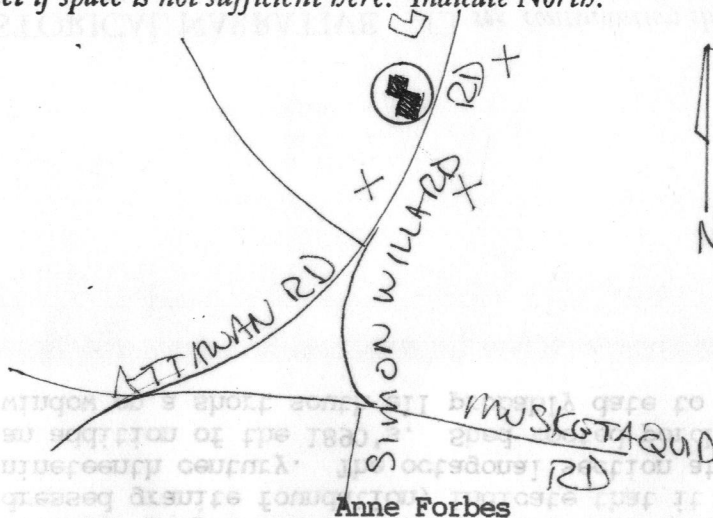
Acreage 48,500 sq. feet

Setting

Close to road, side to street,
in residential area of primarily early
to late-twentieth-century houses.

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.



Recorded by Anne Forbes
for Concord Hist. Commission

Organization

Date (month/day/year) June, 1992

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

Certain features of this little house, such as its general "story-and-a-half cottage" proportions, sidelighted entry, molded trim, 6-over-6-sash windows and dressed granite foundation, indicate that it was built in the middle of the nineteenth century. The octagonal section at the west end, however, is likely to be an addition of the 1890's. Shed-roofed porches and a large multi-light picture window on a short south ell probably date to this century.

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.

The exact origin of this curious little house remains something of a mystery. It is not mentioned in Keyes, or shown on historic maps before 1899, (though some of the maps are not accurate for this area.) Physical evidence suggests that it would have been built by the mid-1870's, however, and it is probable that it was constructed as a house for the foreman of the old Willard/Lee farm after the original farmhouse burned in the late 1850's. It definitely appears on the map of 1906, under William Wheeler's ownership, with the polygonal section clearly shown. On the Wheeler plan of the area, it is shown as one of the few buildings that pre-dated the initial 1891 residential development on "Nashawtuc Farm." The only other structures shown nearby at the time were two other buildings associated with what was then still largely a working farm--a long outbuilding just to the south, and across from it a large barn.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: "Sketch Plan of Nashawtuc Farm and Vicinity." 1899-1914.
1906 Atlas.

Concord Chronicle.

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

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80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Community
CONCORD

Property Address
175 Simon Willard
Road

Area(s)	FormNo.

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form



Check all that apply:

- ☐ Individually eligible ☒ Eligible only in a historic district
☒ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Anne McCarthy Forbes

Statement of Significance by _____
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

This building is one of the following resources which meet Criteria A and C of the National Register as part of a National Register District for Nashawtuc Hill, a high-style planned residential development of Queen Anne, Shingle Style, Colonial Revival and French Revival and Provincial architecture that spanned the mid-1880's through 1930's. Each resource possesses integrity of design, location, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

9 Musketaquid Road, 23 Musketaquid Road, 39 Musketaquid Road - Blanchard/Motte House, 49 Musketaquid Road - Houston garage/cottage, 61 Musketaquid Road - FA Houston House, 73 Musketaquid Road, Nashawtuc Road - Nashawtuc Bridge, 138 Nashawtuc Road - Allen French House, 190 Nashawtuc Road - William Wheeler House, 199 Nashawtuc Road - Herbert Blanchard House, 204 Nashawtuc Road - Wheeler Carriage House, 235 Nashawtuc Road - Walter K. Shaw House, 247 Nashawtuc Road - Shaw garage/cottage, Nashawtuc Road - sledding hill, 275 Nashawtuc Road - WK Shaw, Jr. House, Nashawtuc Road - Gate House for Nashawtuc Reservoir, 325 Nashawtuc Road, 357 Nashawtuc Road - Jonas Miles House, 385 Nashawtuc Road, 415 Nashawtuc Road - E.L. Parker House, 437 Nashawtuc Road - W.H. Bowker House, 26 Simon Willard Road - Newman/Abbott House, 38 Simon Willard Road - Buttrick House, 39 Simon Willard Road, 52 Simon Willard Road - Murphy House, 53 Simon Willard Road, 173 (175) Simon Willard Road - Nashawtuc Farm foreman's cottage, 199 Simon Willard Road - Horace Arnold House, 256 Simon Willard Road - Berkeley Wheeler House, 263 Simon Willard Road - Harry Little House, Willard Common - landscaped park, Willard Common - monument to Simon Willard, 59 Willard Common - Ferry House

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Additional information by Anne Forbes, November, 2000:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION, cont.

While further research, possibly in Concord tax records, will be necessary before a definite conclusion can be reached about the original function of the curious octagonal section of this building, the position it appears to occupy near the cow barn in both a late-nineteenth-century photograph and the 1884 Wheeler plan of Nashawtuc Hill suggests that it might have begun as a storage structure such as a granary, or even a silo. New England granaries of the third quarter of the nineteenth century took a variety of forms, including octagonal structures with conical roofs topped with a cupola for ventilation. Round or octagonal silos began to appear in the 1880s. A possibly conjectural painting of the Willard/Lee Farm prior to 1857 shows a similar building with a high pyramidal roof, though in the image it appears square, rather than octagonal.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, cont.

According to longtime local residents, this house was indeed the farm manager's cottage during the time that the old 400-acre Willard/Lee Farm was owned by William Wheeler beginning in 1891. (See Area Form AD, **Nashawtuc Hill**). The belief is that it was Wheeler, and not Charles Hurd, who moved the building from its former site at the farmstead close to Elm Street to its present location. A Nashawtuc Hill resident points out that a building of approximately this footprint appears as part of Charles Hurd's farmstead on the 1884 sketch plan of Nashawtuc Hill.

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