

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.1283
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Damon and Smith Company Double Worker Housing
<b>Common Name:</b>	Concord Junction Investment Coroporation Double House
<b>Address:</b>	189-191 Conant St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	West Concord
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1865
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Workers Housing
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Industry
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.D: Westvale CON.DQ: Damon - Conant Streetscape
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Vinyl Siding; Wood Foundation: Brick; Concrete Unspecified; Stone, Uncut



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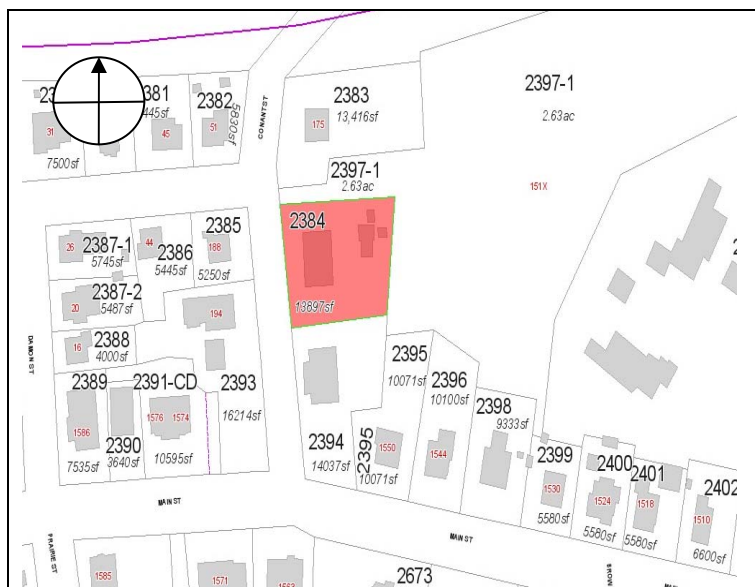
# eFORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Geoffrey Melhuish

**Organization:** ttl-architects

**Date (month / year):** July 2013

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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CON.1283

**Town/City:** Concord

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*):  
West Concord

**Address:** 189-191 Conant St.

**Historic Name:** Damon and Smith Company Worker  
Housing

**Uses:** Present: Multi-family Residential

Original: Multi-family Residential

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1865

**Source:** Historic Maps and Damon Mill History

**Style/Form:** Greek Revival/Double-House

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Brick parged with concrete/Rubble-stone

Wall/Trim: Vinyl

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Outbuildings shown on Locus Map no longer extant.

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Front porch - Early Twentieth century

Vinyl Siding - 1977

Replacement Doors and Windows - 2008

Chimney dismantled - ca. 2012

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

**Acreage:** .32 Acres

**Setting:** Located in a residential area to the east of the historic village of Westvale, near the Damon Mill. The residence is set back approximately twenty-five feet from the street on an open gently sloping lot.

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CONCORD

189-191 CONANT STREET

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Area(s) Form No.

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☒ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

189-191 Conant Street (CON.1283) is a modest two-story wood frame Greek Revival working housing double house. The building adopts a rectangular plan on a brick foundation parged with concrete. The six-by-four bay building faces west and is set back approximately twenty-five feet from the street on a gently sloping lot. The residence is capped by a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The wide band of trim beneath the cornice, now covered with vinyl, is a typical feature of a Greek Revival house as are the cornice returns along the side elevations. One interior brick chimney pierces the ridge of the roof at the north end; a second chimney to the south was dismantled in 2012. The exterior walls of the building are clad with vinyl siding. The principal elevation features an enclosed one-story hipped roof entry porch centered on the facade. The entry porch is constructed on a stone and concrete foundation. A single entry on the east elevation of the entry porch is flanked by 1/1 storm windows. Two centrally located entry doors are located within. The entry porch is flanked by two 6/6, double-hung vinyl replacement windows. The second floor features six, 6/6 double-hung vinyl replacement windows. Each opening is highlighted by shutters. Although modified with vinyl siding and vinyl replacement windows, 189-191 Conant Street maintains the form and modest details of Greek Revival double-house commonly constructed in West Concord and other towns in Massachusetts to house workers near factories and other industrial properties during the mid-late nineteenth century and very early twentieth-century. The building is similar to 199-205 Conant Street (CON.1284).

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*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.*

In 1808 a wood framed mill was constructed for the production of cotton yarn in West Concord. A small village of single family homes and workers cottages developed around the cotton mill. In 1834 the mill was purchased by Calvin Carver Damon, an experienced textile manufacturer. Damon expanded the business and switched from cotton to the production of *satinet*<sup>1</sup> and finally to *domett*<sup>2</sup> cloth, a fabric he invented. The expanding village around the mill was sometimes known as Damondale. The Damon mill was destroyed by fire in 1862 and replaced that same year by the extant Italianate brick mill (CON.479) designed by Elbridge Boyden of Worcester.

After the rebuilding of the Damon Mill in 1862, the area around the mill then known as Factory Village or Westvale grew to include worker housing, a store, and a village school (CON.1237) built in 1865 east of the mill on Main Street. The small textile manufacturing facility, although it expanded in 1880s and reconfigured to produce dress cloth, had trouble staying competitive in the last decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was sold in 1898 out of the Damon family.

189-191 Conant Street (CON.1283) was constructed ca. 1865 by Damon as worker housing. The 1906 map indicates that the property was owned at that time by the Concord Junction Investment Co. Census records from the early twentieth century indicate that the property was primarily a rental residence for immigrants working in the mills or railroad. In 1910, the property was the home of Andrew Edwardson (b 1867), a painter and his wife Evelena (b 1875). In 1920, it was the residence of James Caruso (b 1882) a laborer on the railroad and his daughters, Josephine (1904) and Theresa (1908). The property was shared in 1930 by Joseph Eannuzzo (b 1889) and his wife Salvatrice (b 1896) who lived in 48 Conant Street (189) and Charles Lombardo (b 1881) and his wife Mary (b 1881) who lived in 52 Conant Street (191). Both Joseph and Charles were employed by the Coal

<sup>1</sup> A thin fabric made with cotton that imitates the look and feel of silk satin.

<sup>2</sup> A plain cloth in which the warp is cotton and the weft is wool, the resulting fabric is less prone to shrinkage.

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and Grain Company. In 1946, the Concord Junction Investment Company conveyed the property to Salvatrice Eannuzzo. The Eannuzzo family maintained the property until 2008 when it was sold to the current owners, Thomas and Linda Norton.<sup>3</sup>

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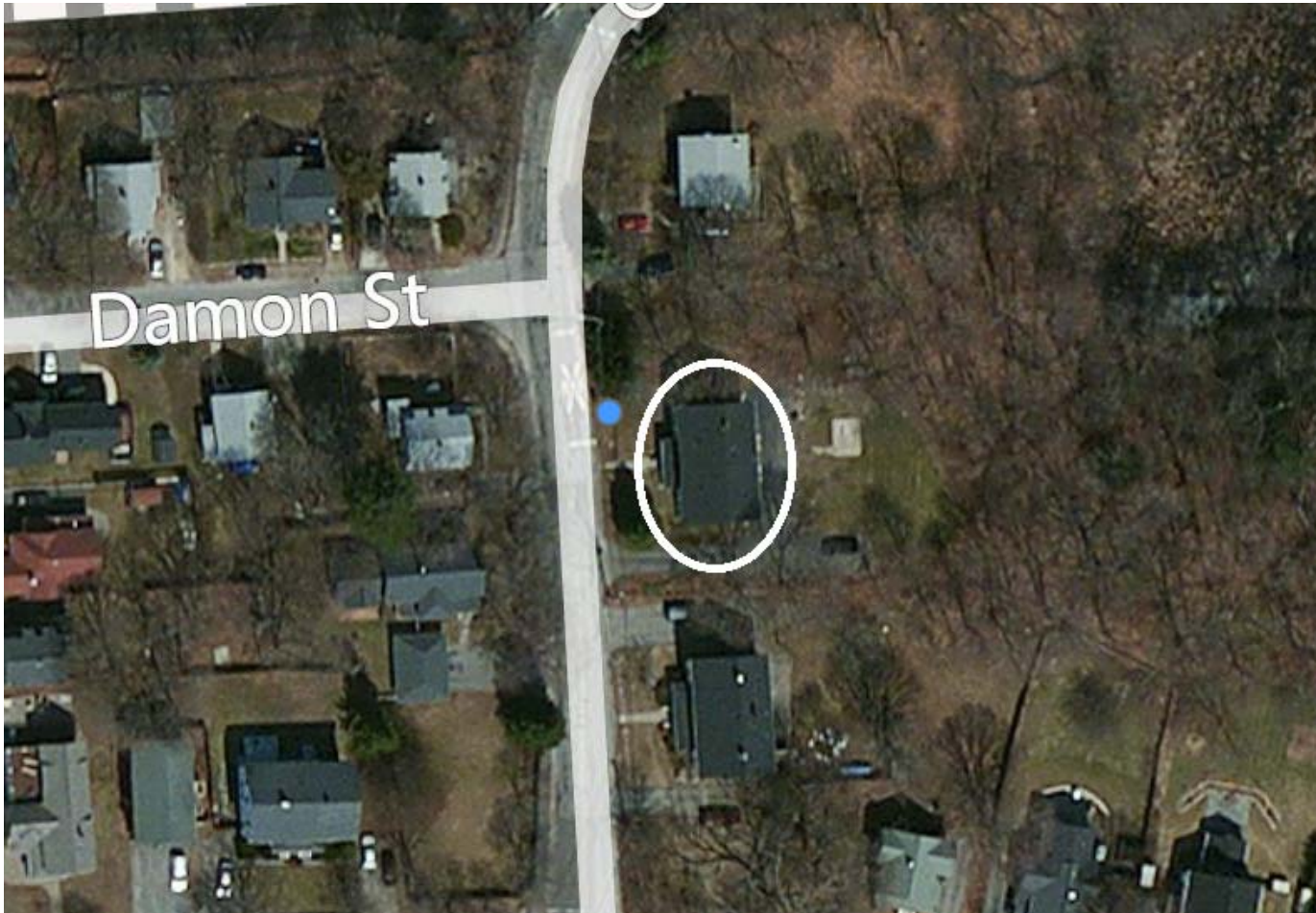
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<sup>3</sup> Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 51933 Page 120.

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## 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**

Statement of Significance by Geoffrey Melhuish

*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

189-191 Conant Street (CON.1283) is a two-story wood frame Greek Revival double house constructed to provide worker housing for workers at the Damon Mill. Worker housing double-houses were commonly constructed in West Concord and other towns in Massachusetts near factories and other industrial properties during the mid-late nineteenth century and very early twentieth-century. The residence possesses a high degree of integrity of design, setting and workmanship. The property meets criterion A and C at the local level and would be a contributing property in a potential Damon Mill Historic District. The potential historic district would include the Damon Mill, the Company Store, workers housing along Water Street and Main Street as well as several Damon family homes in the neighborhood