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Inventory No:	CON.1284
Historic Name:	Westvale Public School
Common Name:	Concord Junction Investment Corporation House
Address:	194 Conant St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1875
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Public School; Single Family Dwelling House; Workers Housing
Significance:	Architecture; Education; Industry
Area(s):	CON.D: Westvale CON.DQ: Damon - Conant Streetscape
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Brick



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FORM 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.1284

Town/City: Concord

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

Address: 194 Conant St.

Historic Name: Concord Junction Investment Co. Rental House

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: School

Date of Construction: ca.1875; remodeled 1899

Source: Historic Maps

Style/Form: Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A one-story, hipped roof, two-car garage is located south of the residence - mid twentieth century.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Possibly constructed as ell for Westvale School and altered to a dwelling ca. 1899.

New family room addition at rear with deck - 2003

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .37 Acres

Setting: Located in a residential area to the east of the historic village of Westvale, near the Damon Mill. Mature trees partially obscure the house from the street.

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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CONCORD

194 CONANT STREET

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

D, DQ CON.1284

☒ 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.

194 Conant Street (CON.1284) is a modest two-story wood-frame Victorian Eclectic residence. Dating from the late nineteenth century, Victorian Eclectic buildings feature a combination of elements from a variety of Victorian styles including the Queen Anne and Italianate styles such that the property does not fit into any one of the single styles. Character-defining features of this modest Victorian Eclectic residence include the front gable roof, the incorporated porch and the use of 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows. The residence is set back approximately twenty feet from the street on a level lot. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Two interior brick chimney pierces the ridge of the roof; one at the west end and one to the east. A two-story bay on the south elevation is capped by a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The building is clad with painted wood clapboards. A one-story entry porch is located on the south elevation of the front facing gable and continues down the south elevation to the two story wing. The porch terminates in a hipped roof. Access is provided by an entry located at the east end of the porch. Two-over-two double-hung wood sash windows are located on the front gable elevation and to the north of the entry. Each opening is highlighted by a simple wood surround. A one-story, hipped roof two-car garage is located to the east of the residence. 194 Conant Street maintains the form and fenestration of a nineteenth-century residence.

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.

The existing Massachusetts Historical Commission Inventory Form for 194 Conant Street (CON.1284) suggest that the property was constructed ca. 1874 as an ell for Westvale School and altered to a dwelling ca.1899.¹ The property first appears on the 1875 map as a school. In 1889, the building is shown as the property of E.C. Damon. Edward Carver Damon (1836-1901) owned the Damon Mill through the nineteenth century. He is listed as residing on Main Street (to the west) ca. 1896 with his wife, Annie but owned many properties in the area. After selling the mill in 1898, Edward went to work for the Concord National Bank as bank President. The 1906 map indicates that the property was owned by the Concord Junction Investment Co. Census records from the early twentieth century indicate that the property was primarily a rental residence for laborers in the woolen mill. In 1910, the property was the residence of Annie Wood (b 1876) and her son George, who was employed as a weaver in the woolen mill. In 1920, the property was the residence of Clement Lavaser (b 1870), a laborer in the woolen mill and his wife, Lisa (b 1873). In the 1930s, the property was occupied by Italian immigrants Charles Lombardo (b 1893) and his wife Vicenza (b 1896). Charles owned a Barber Shop in Concord and shared the property with his two sons and six daughters. In 1946, Charles and Vicenza purchased the property from Gardiner W. Russell and Miriam R. Hill, Trustees of the Concord Junction Investment Company.² The Vicenza family maintained the property until 1979. The current owner, Andrew Aghajanian, purchased the property in 1998.³

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² Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 6972 Page 594.

³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 28529 Page 23.

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[Delete this page if no Criteria Statement is prepared]

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.

194 Conant Street maintains the form and fenestration of a nineteenth century residence. 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.