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Inventory No: CON.392

Historic Name: Arnold, Horace House

Common Name:

Address: 199 Simon Willard Rd

City/Town: Concord

Village/Neighborhood: Concord Center

Local No: F8-1788
Year Constructed: 1936

Architect(s): Little, Harry Britton

Architectural Style(s): Colonial Revival

Use(s): Single Family Dwelling House

Significance: Architecture

Area(s): CON.AD: Nashawtuc Hill Area

Designation(s):

Building Materials(s):

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle



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FORM B - BUILDING

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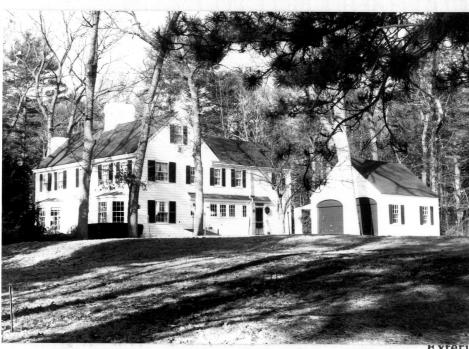
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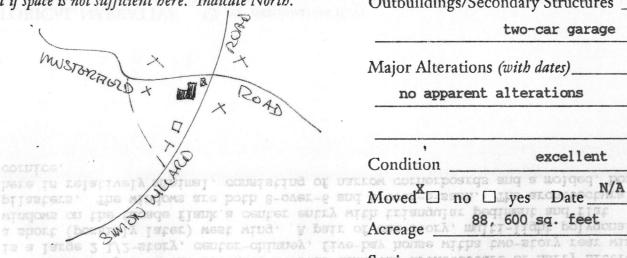
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Horace Arnold House



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Organization _	for	Concord	Hist.	Commission

Date (month/day/year) June, 1992

1936 Hard Road.) If Construction Harry Little's Concord Colonial Revival Harry Little ect/Builder ege of Preachers in Exterior Material: (not visible) Foundation wood clapboard or shingle Wall/Trim____ asphalt shingle Roof_

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

two-car garage

excellent Condition

Major Alterations (with dates)_____

no apparent alterations

Setting Stands back from the street on large lot with mature trees, in neighborhood of stylish twentiethcentury residences.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION	N
Describe architectural features. Evaluate	the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the
community.	century residences.

199 Simon Willard Road, though limited by its strict construction budget, is an excellent example of the Colonial Revival domestic architecture of Harry Little. It is a large 2 1/2-story, center-chimney, five-bay house witha two-story rear wing and a short (possibly later) west wing. A pair of one-story, multi-light polygonal bay windows on the facade flank a center entry with triangular pediment and flat pilasters. The windows are both 8-over-6 and 6-over-6-sash. The architectural trim here is relatively minimal, consisting of narrow cornerboards and a molded, boxed cornice.

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.

Along with two of its neighbors, this house is highly significant as an example of the work of 20th-century architect Harry Little (1882-1944.) One of the most prolific and influential architects of the period between the world wars, he is especially renowned for the always scholarly, and often highly inventive, work he did in a variety of revival styles. His most well-known project is the completion of the National Cathedral in Washington and its accompanying College of Preachers in Washington D.C. One of the best places to view his work, however, is here in his home town of Concord. He moved here in 1914, where his first work was his own house, "Littleholme," at 263 Simon Willard Road. Thirteen years later he designed the Berkeley Wheeler House at #256, and in 1936 this house, next door to his own, for his friend Horace L. Arnold. It is said to have been one of Little's major challenges, as the Arnolds wanted a house large enough for a family of three children built to a budget of \$10,000, a moderate sum in those days. (For more information on Harry Little's work, see inventory form for 263 Simon Willard Road.)

Horace Arnold (1902-1984) was associated for many years with Harvard University Press and the Harvard University Printing Office. Until his retirement in 1965, he was publicity agent for Harvard, as well.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Day, Frederic. <u>Harry Little's Concord</u>, museum catalog, the Concord Museum. Social Circle Memoirs. VI, p. 49. Memoir by David Little. Obituary File, Concord Free Library.

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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Property Address
199 Simon Willard

Area(s)	FormNo.

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

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Check all that apply:
☐ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district ☐ Potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district
Criteria: ⊠ A □ B ⊠ C □ D
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Anne McCarthy Forbes
Statement of Significance by

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.

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