

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.56
Historic Name:	Thoreau - Alcott House
Common Name:	
Address:	255 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	30
Year Constructed:	c 1820
Architect(s):	Davis, Josiah
Architectural Style(s):	Federal
Use(s):	Shop Other; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Literature; Social History
Area(s):	CON.DU: Main Street Historic District
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (03/12/1962); Nat'l Register Individual Property (07/12/1976)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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iginal Use *AREA DU - LHT 3/12/62*
esent Use *PI. CONCORD SECT - B*
esent Owner *private*
te *1700's* Style *R. Wheeler 1819-1830 - Concord H.C.*
rce of Date *CAB*
chitect

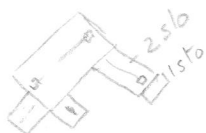
3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered
IMPORTANCE of site to area: Great Little None SITE endangered by

4. DESCRIPTION

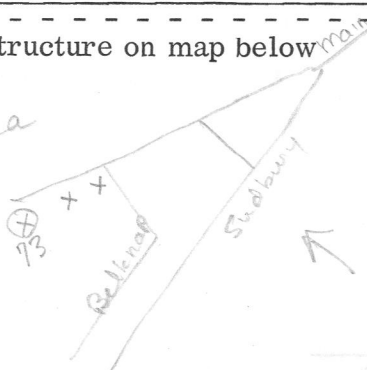
FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material:
WALL COVER: Wood clapboard Brick Stone Other
STORIES: 1 2 3 4 CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Cluster Elaborate Irregular
ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed Dependency 2 story wing w 2 story Simple/Complex
PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 Portico Balcony Recessed
ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork
FACADE: Gable End: Front/Side Symmetrical/Asymmetrical Simple/Complex Ornament
Entrance: Front/Side Centered Double Features:
Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied 6/6
Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Obscured cornerboard

OUTBUILDINGS LANDSCAPING

5. Indicate location of structure on map below main
6. Footage of structure from street 15
Property has feet frontage on street



see Area



Recorder

For

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Nat'l Historic Landmark

FOR USE WITH IMPORTANT STRUCTURES (Indicate any interior features of note)

Fireplace

Stairway

Other

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

?? Poet Ellery Channing died here - (according to "The Story of Concord" Channing spent last few years of life with Sauborn)
* Thoreau died here 1862 - lived here last 10 yrs of life
Alcott sisters bought house 1876
Mrs Alcott died here 1877; occupied by Louisa and father short time after Mrs A's death

REFERENCE (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

* The Story of Concord - J.L. Swayne

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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