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Inventory No:	CON.283
Historic Name:	Miles, Ezekiel House
Common Name:	
Address:	321 Williams Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	South Quarter
Local No:	E12-3092
Year Constructed:	c 1741
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Georgian
Use(s):	Agricultural; Dairy; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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Massachusetts Historical Commission
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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

E12-3092

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Town CONCORD Sec BPlace (neighborhood or village) South Quarter

321 Williams Road

Ezekiel Miles House

dwelling

dwelling

ca. 1741

Wheeler

Georgian vernacular

unknown

fieldstone

Foundation

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures large
complex of barns and outbuildings
dating from ca. 1900 through mid-
20th century.

Major Alterations (with dates) Mid-late 20th:
1-story entry wing on east; 1-story
northwest wing. Sunroom on east.
20th century door at main entry.

Condition good

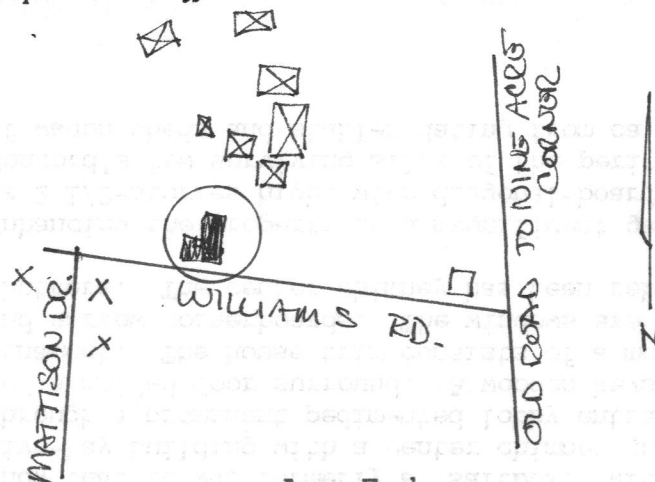
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage 17.9 acres

Setting In rural farm area near Old
Road to Nine Acre Corner. Fields and
pastures opposite and to east. Street of
modern houses opposite to southwest.
Modern stone wall across front; high ver-
tical board fence to west.

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;
research by Ann & Dick Ferraro
for Concord Hist. Commission

Organization June, 1992Date (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.

Although somewhat altered by recent additions, the house at #321 Williams Road is an excellent example of the most prevalent type of farmhouse built in Concord's outlying rural districts in the middle years of the eighteenth century. Although historic photos show that it was formerly a "saltbox," with a rear leanto, it is now a 2 1/2-story five-bay building with a center chimney and a complex of rear wings. The entry is through a prominent pedimented lobby entrance or "porch" with double tapered pilasters and a molded door surround. A wooden keystone over the door has a carved sunburst ornament. The house trim consists of a molded, boxed cornice with returns, a sillboard, and narrow cornerboards. The windows are 6-over-9-sash with flat surrounds and recent shutters. The center chimney has been rebuilt above the roofline.

Enhancing the property is a magnificent gable-end barn of the 1890's-early 1900's, which is 2 1/2-stories high, with diagonal-board doors and a rubble foundation. One of Concord's few surviving silos of the period stands to its rear, along with a succession of wagon sheds and stables dating from ca. 1900 to the mid-twentieth 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.

Further research remains to be done on the houses of the descendants of Samuel Miles at #321 and 429 Williams Road. Present documentary and field evidence suggests that a house belonging to farmer Samuel Miles (1681-1758) was standing at #429 early in the eighteenth century, that his son Charles enlarged it to the present building there, and that an older son, **Ezekiel Miles** (b. 1713) built #321 on part of the extensive family farm in about 1741. He was one of the "choristers to set the tune for the congregation" in the West Congregation, the group that seceded from the Concord church in the 1740's. (See #45 Hubbard Street.)

Ezekiel Miles married Joanna Wesson, and they had a son, also **Ezekiel**, (Ezekial) who was born in 1745 and apparently succeeded to this part of the farm. He married Lucy Wood, and their son **Reuben Miles**, (b. 1779) married Lucy Ann Snow of Nine Acre Corner. (See #212 Williams Road.) They are shown living here in 1830. Their son, **Marshall Miles**, born in 1820, was the next owner, and he owned the farm for most of the nineteenth century, until at least 1889. By the mid-1890's the farm had been acquired by **Martin Williams**, who owned it until 1935-6. The property was then acquired by **William and Elizabeth (Alford) Mattison**, and is still in the family today. The Mattisons ran a dairy farm here that featured Ayrshire cattle, called Ayrshire Farm. The barns and extensive pastures are now used for a riding stable.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Maps, atlases: 1830, 1852, 1856, 1875, 1889, 1906.
 Wheeler House File #Wi2..
 Wheeler. Climate for Freedom.
 Shattuck.
 Interview with owner, 6/2/92.
 Concord Library photo file.

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



Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Community
CONCORD

Property Address
321 Williams Road

Area(s)	FormNo.
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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

Anne McCarthy Forbes

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

This building meets the criteria for individual listing on the National Register for its association, through Ezekiel Miles, with the prominent Miles family of Nine Acre Corner (Criterion A.) It also meets Criterion C as a well-preserved, though updated and expanded, center-chimney farmhouse of the mid-eighteenth century, enlarged and updated through the nineteenth century. It possesses integrity of design, location, setting, materials, and workmanship, feeling and association.

FORM B - STRUCTURE SURVEY
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

2. Town ConcordStreet Williams Road

1. Is this structure historically significant to:
Town Commonwealth Nation

Name EZEKIEL MILES HOUSE
(ON ARROWHEAD FARM)Original Use Residence

Structure has historical connection with the
following themes: (See also reverse side)

Present Use Residence

Agriculture
Architecture
Art/Sculpture
Education
Government
Literature
Music

Commerce/Industry
Science/Invention
Travel/Communication
Military Affairs
Religion/Philosophy
Indians
Development of Town/City

Present Owner Mr. William E. MattisonDate 18th C. Style ColonialSource of Date Wheeler says C. 1744Architect Unknown3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered

IMPORTANCE of site to area: Great Little None SITE endangered by _____

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular LowMaterial: Fdn. replaced C. 1930WALL COVER: Wood

Brick Stone Other _____

STORIES: 1 2 3 4

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4

Center End Cluster Elaborate IrregularATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed DependencyLarge Ell, recently enlarged & modernized Simple/ComplexPORCHES: 1 2 3 4

Portico Balcony

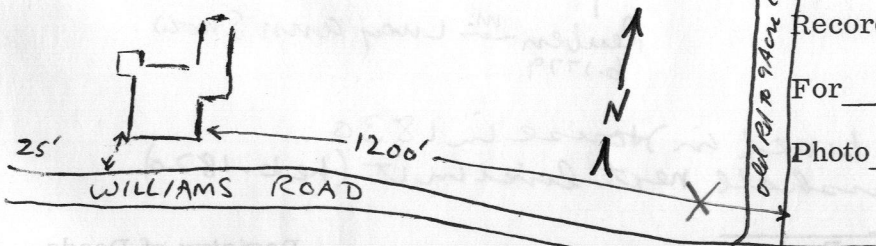
entrance porch added 1930 old photo shows very narrow plain door
RecessedROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard

Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork _____

FACADE: Gable End: Front Side Symmetrical Asymmetrical Simple/Complex OrnamentEntrance: Front/Side Centered Double Features: _____Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied frames + sash enlarged & replacedCorners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Obscured _____OUTBUILDINGS Several barns & sheds - a working farm now

LANDSCAPING _____

5. Indicate location of structure on map below

6. Footage of structure from street 25'
Property has _____ feet frontage on streetRecorder L. O. Jones
Concord Antiquarian Society

For _____

Photo _____

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NOTE: Recorder should obtain written permission from Commission or sponsoring organization before using this form. (See Reverse Side)

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

Fireplace - Chimney rebuilt, at least above roofline

Stairway Posts and handrail appear old - Rail is moulded on one side only a feature like the Reuben Brown House on Lexington Road.

Other Part of Partition Paneling removed to a back room, Panel & orig. S.P. decoration intact in one room. The Chamber fireplace are in better condition but whole house has undergone major change.

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

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

Ruth R. Wheeler - arch. file - Concord Library

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Ezekiel Miles ^{m.} Joanna Wesson
b. 1712Ezekiel ^{m.} Lucy Wood
b. 1745Reuben ^{m.} Lucy Ann Snow
b. 1779

Reuben + Lucy lived in House in 1830
 Their Son Marshall next lived in it (he b. 1820)

Original Owner:

Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____, _____ Registry of Deeds

Until 1936 owned for many years by Martin Williams

