

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.61
Historic Name:	Friend, J. C. House
Common Name:	
Address:	339 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	G9-725
Year Constructed:	c 1880
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.DU: Main Street Historic District
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (03/12/1962)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle Foundation: Brick



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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

G9-725

CONCORD

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61

Town

CONCORD

SECT B

(neighborhood or village)

Concord center

339 Main Street

Henry Hosmer rental house;

J.C. Friend House
dwelling

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

of Construction ca. 1880

Keyes/Tolman; visual assessment

Queen Anne

Form unknown

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

brick

Foundation wood clapboard and shingle

Wall/Trim asphalt shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) casement

window in main gable--late 20th C.

Condition excellent

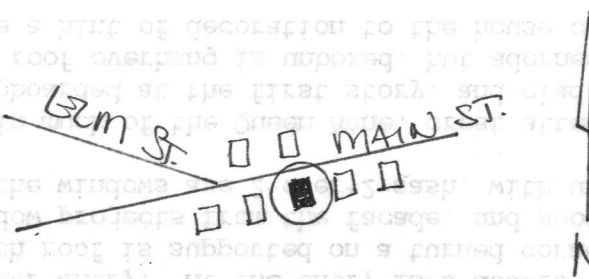
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage one-half acre

Setting In residential district of 18th-
to 19th-century houses. Deep, densely-
planted yard with pine trees across
front.

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.



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Recorded by research by Carla Garbarino
for Concord Hist. Commission

Organization June, 1992

Date (month/day/year)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

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

With its companion next door at #349, undoubtedly designed by the same hand, #339 brought the Queen Anne to the south side of Main Street at Concord center. It is an excellent illustration of this whimsical, flamboyant style in its early years, before it became heavily influenced by Colonial Revival elements. It is a long, tall, 2 1/2-story cross-gabled house with a two-story rear wing. As at #349, a steep shed roof descends east from the forward-facing gable of the main roof to form a porch over a northeast corner entry. At the entry is a double-leaf, multi-light glass and panel door; the porch roof is supported on a turned corner post with a curved brace. A shed-roofed bay window projects from the facade, and another, an oriel, appears on the east side. Most of the windows are 2-over-2-sash, with unadorned surrounds and shutters.

As in much of the Queen Anne, great attention is given to the wall surface, which is clapboarded at the first story, and clad in patterned shingle on the upper sections. The roof overhang is unboxed, but adorned with solid corner brackets. Narrow pilasters give a hint of decoration to the house corners.

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.

#339 is one of two very similar buildings built in the early 1880's for Henry J. Hosmer of 363 Main Street. He sold this one almost immediately to apothecary John C. Friend, who evidently lived here with his wife until his death. Mr. Friend had a drug store at that time on the site of today's 15-17 Main Street, where in 1877 he installed Concord's first soda fountain. In 1892 he built the two-story brick store block, always known as "Friend's Block," that still occupies the southwest corner of the intersection of Main and Walden Streets. His drug store occupied the corner store in the new building, which continues in apothecary use today as Snow's Pharmacy. J. C. Friend also held at least one town office, as Town Treasurer in 1894.

In 1915 this house was still occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Friend, along with Mrs. Friend's brother, Frank Nichols, who was a political reporter for the Boston Transcript. By 1930 it had been sold to Mrs. Charles K. Darling, who lived here with her two daughters.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Maps, atlases: Nashawtuc Hill plan, 1883-4; 1889, 1893, 1906. Sanborns from 1903. Keyes/Tolman "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's. Town Directories and tax lists. Concord Chronicle.

☒ 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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80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Community
CONCORD

Property Address
339 Main Street

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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 house meets the criteria for individual listing on the National Register and as part of a district of large well-preserved buildings of the late eighteenth- to nineteenth-centuries at Concord center. As the home of long-time apothecary John C. Friend, it qualifies under Criterion A. As an extremely well-preserved example of one of only a few Queen Anne houses on Main Street at Concord center, it also meets Criterion C. It possesses integrity of design, location, setting, materials, and workmanship, feeling and association.