

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.213
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Flint, John House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	418 Monument St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	H7-1351
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1825
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.BV: Monument Street Area II CON.DV: North Bridge - Monument Square Historic District
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Local Historic District (03/05/1973)
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Brick; Granite; Stone, Cut



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## FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

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Massachusetts Historical Commission

80 Boylston Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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Town

Neighborhood or village)

418/422 Monument Street

John Flint House

Name

two-family dwelling

Present

dwelling

Original

ca. 1807-23

Construction

Wheeler

Federal/Greek Revival

In

unknown

Builder

Exterior Material:

dressed granite and brick

Foundation

Wall/Trim

wood clapboard,

Roof

asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

19th C. barn, converted to dwelling

Major Alterations (with dates)

wide

shed-roofed dormer on side ell; some window change; exterior chimney on S. side.

Condition

good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes

Date N/A

Acreage

14.7 acres

Setting

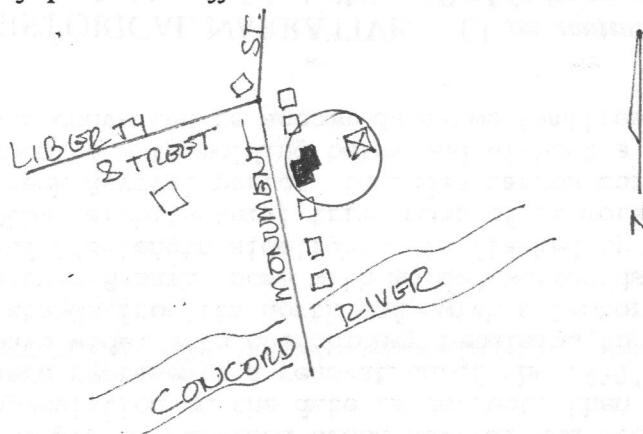
Close to road opposite open

meadow; stone wall along road.

Terrace and trees along house front; yard to north; fields behind.

## 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

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.*

This house, the oldest in the immediate vicinity, occupies one of the most intact historic farmsteads on the lower section of Monument Street. To the rear is a large nineteenth-century cupolaed, gable-end "New England" barn with a long early-twentieth-century north wing with a tall domed silo. The main house, which is said to date to the end of the Federal period, between 1807 and 1823, is actually an example of combined Greek Revival and Federal elements; if Ruth Wheeler's speculation on the date is correct, then it is likely that the Greek Revival detail here represents a renovation of the 1830's. The building is 2 1/2 stories, five bays wide, with one chimney remaining to the rear of the ridge. A 1 1/2-story ell extends from its north end, with a 1-story extension behind it. The windows are 6-over-6-sash, some with molded surrounds. The main entry, which has a 6-panel door and 2/3-length sidelights, is flanked by fretwork pilasters with double capitals. Other architectural trim, much of it more characteristic of the Federal than the Greek Revival period, includes narrow cornerboards, a sillboard, and a molded, boxed cornice with molding below and without a roof overhang at the gable ends. The house was converted to accommodate two families in about 1910-15.

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.*

Like the other two houses on former Flint family land to the north, #s 577 and 635 Monument, some contradiction appears in local documents as to the construction date of this building. In her "North Bridge Neighbors," Ruth Wheeler surmises that #418/422 was built between 1807 and 1818. In her House File entry, however, which appears to have been written somewhat later, she places it about 1823, the time of the marriage of farmer John Flint and Roxa Nutting. To compound matters, its absence from the 1830 map may imply that it was built several years later. (The map may be in error in this section, however, as two other houses known to have been (then standing across the road are also missing.) In any case, it should be safe to assume that the house was built by John Flint on part of the old farm belonging to (his parents, Abishai and Patty Brown Flint, facing their seventeenth-century farmhouse, (demolished ca. 1880). Part of the south side of the house, including a cellar kitchen, was rented out for some years; among the tenants in John Flint's time were Isaiah Prescott (grandfather of Col. George Prescott of #214 Monument Street,) and Peter How.

John Flint, who was descended from one of Concord's first settlers of the same name, managed the farm here and owned the property until his death in the middle of the (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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 Interview with owner 5/14/92.  
Concord Chronicle.

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



## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORDJohn Flint House

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.  
BV 213

## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

nineteenth century. The house appears to have been inherited by his son, Waldo Flint, who is shown here in ca. 1871. He enlarged the house, possibly by the addition of the north ell. By 1875 he had moved to the old Enos Fox farm on Old Bedford Road, however, and #418/422 had become the property of his brother, Lewis Flint.

Both brothers had spent several years in California. Lewis Flint evidently lived here for awhile upon his return, then moved back to the old Flint homestead across the street. (He had a grocery store at #42/44 Main Street in the 1880's, but sold his business in 1889 to become Concord's principal real-estate auctioneer.) In about 1880 Lewis Flint sold this part of the property, along with acreage extending north to include today's Carr Road, to J. Fletcher Carr, a farmer and cattle trader from Carlisle. He built a silo, and rented out the newer part of the house to tenants. It was under his ownership that the lots for at least #s 394, and 454 were sold as building lots.

The next owner of the property was evidently Stedman Buttrick, who put up the large mansion across the road (today the visitor's center for Minuteman Park,) and sold most of the remainder of the Flint farm to Leonard Metcalf. In about 1913 Mr. Metcalf moved the old Stedman Buttrick house from Liberty Street to its new position at #480 Monument Street for his own residence, and renovated #418/422 to rent out to two families. In 1926-7 the property, including the house just south at #412 Monument Street, was purchased by one of West Concord's most well-known citizens, John Bordman, Jr. The son of one of the first officers at the State Prison, he was a Captain in the Spanish-American War, and after a brief stint as a Boston City Councilor, became an adjutant-chief administrative officer for 26 years, serving for a considerable time in the Philippines. He was also a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The property is still in the Bordman family today. Early in this century, the house was also occupied by lawyer Raymond P. Baldwin.

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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 with two generations of the Flint family, notably John, Waldo, and Lewis Flint, (Criterion A.) It also meets Criterion C as a well-preserved, though updated and expanded early Greek Revival farmhouse. It possesses integrity of design, location, setting, materials, and workmanship, feeling and association.