

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.74
Historic Name:	Tower, Fred House
Common Name:	
Address:	427 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	G9-716
Year Constructed:	c 1904
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
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: Slate Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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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

G9-716

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CONCORD

SECT B

(neighborhood or village)

Concord Center

427 Main Street

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Tower rental house

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Date of Construction ca. 1904

Style maps; style

Form Colonial Revival vernacular

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates)

Screened porch along rear east side

Condition good

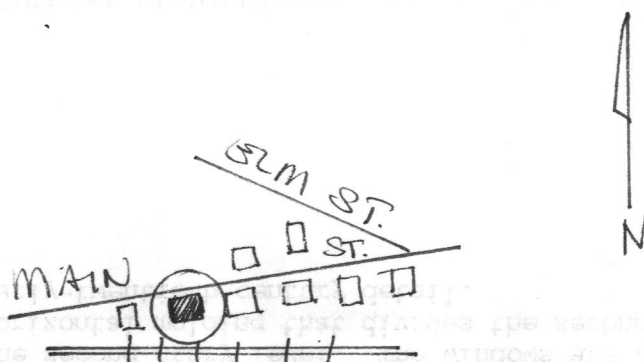
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage less than one acre

Setting In residential district of
19th- and early-20th-century houses at
town center. Small, fenced yard.

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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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.

One of the latest houses on the east side of Main Street between Elm and River Streets, #427 is a modest Colonial Revival type that is relatively unusual for Concord center. It is a gable-roofed 2 1/2-story, two-bay house with one ridge chimney and a pair of pedimented dormers over the facade. It has a shallow 2-story rear extension, and a shallow bay with a one-story polygonal bay window on the east side. The entry has a double-leaf glass-and-panel door, sheltered by a Colonial Revival porch with balcony at the second story level. The windows are 2-over-1-sash, with unadorned surrounds. A horizontal molding that divides the second story from the first is a typical early-twentieth-century detail.

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.

Although this house is evidently shown on maps by 1906 as one of four in a row belonging to Fred Tower, it does not appear to be any of those mentioned by Adams Tolman in 1915. Although deeds in the possession of the current owner suggest it may have been built in 1898, the house shown on this site as late as 1903 is a smaller, 1 1/2-story building of a different footprint, and may actually be today's #433, which appears to have been moved a short distance west to make room for the building of #427. If this is the case, it illustrates one way in which spaces between houses at Concord Center were gradually filled with buildings in the early part of this century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps, atlases: 1906 Atlas; Sanborns from 1909.
Keyes/Tolman.
Interview with owner, 3/29/92.

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