

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.165
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Gray, George House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Hawthorn Inn
<b>Address:</b>	462 Lexington Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Merriam's Corner
<b>Local No:</b>	I9-4088
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1870
<b>Architect(s):</b>	Gray, George
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Italianate
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Hotel or Inn; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.DS: American Mile Historic District
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Local Historic District (03/06/1961)
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Stucco; Wood 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

I9-4088

CONCORD

165

Town CONCORD

(neighborhood or village) \_\_\_\_\_

Merriam's Corner area462 Lexington Road

Historic Name George Gray House  
~~Freeman/Judd/Carruth House~~

Present dwelling; guest houseOriginal dwellingDate of Construction early 1870'sMap Maps; KeyesForm Italianate vernacularArchitect/Builder unknown

## Exterior Material:

Foundation brickWall/Trim stuccoRoof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures \_\_\_\_\_  
garage

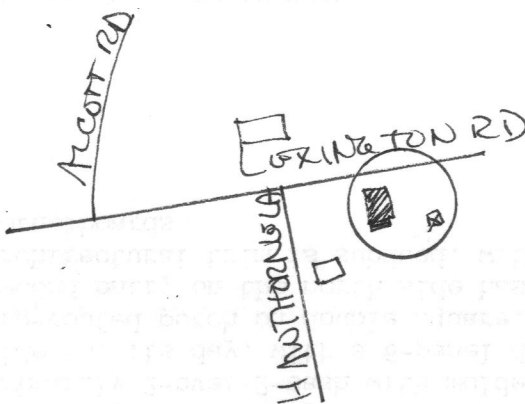
Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

1 1/2-story rear section--20th centuryCondition goodMoved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/AAcreage 1.53 acres

Setting On south side of Lexington Rd.,  
at corner of Hawthorne Lane. Large lot  
with tall, mature trees. Opposite  
"the Wayside," modern houses to east.

## 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.*

#462 is significant as one of Lexington Road's few examples of Italianate vernacular architecture. The only stucco house on the road east of Cambridge Turnpike, it is a 2 1/2-story, three- by one-bay building with a large two-stage 2 1/2-story rear wing. A 2-story bracketed polygonal bay window adorns each end wall of the main house, and a one-story extension parallels the rear west side of the building. The windows are primarily 2-over-2-sash with molded surrounds and louvered blinds. The main entry is wide for its day, with a 6-panel door and full-length sidelights. It is sheltered by a hip-roofed porch on double square, chamfered posts, with a pierced-work balustrade. A second entry on the north side has a diminutive pedimented entry canopy. The architectural trim is subdued, with a molded, unboxed cornice, a sill board, and no cornerboards.

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.*

This house, built by carpenter **George Gray**, may have been standing as early as 1871, as the map fragment of that year has his name at this location even though no house is shown on the south side of the road. Little is known about Mr. Gray, who, according to Keyes, came to Concord from Waltham. His son, G. Arthur Gray, who was a house painter and genealogist, also lived here for a time, but in 1886 is listed on Bow Street. George Gray was also gone by 1896, and it was probably during the 1890's that the house was acquired by **B.G. Freeman**. After the deaths of him and his wife, the property was apparently bought about 1906 by **Frederick F. Judd**, who had a cold storage business in Boston. He was not here long, however, and the house was bought by **Charles Carruth**, who had a poultry business on the property and by 1919 a boarding kennel for dogs.

Later in this century the house became a guest house, or "bed and breakfast"; since the 1970's it has been known as the Hawthorne Inn.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps, atlases: ca. 1871, 1875, 1889, 1906.  
Keyes/Tolman "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's.  
Town Directories and tax lists.

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