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Inventory No:	CON.275
Historic Name:	Tarbell, Daniel - Berry, George House
Common Name:	Crossley, William J. House
Address:	475 Old Marlboro Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1880
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Italianate
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: Brick



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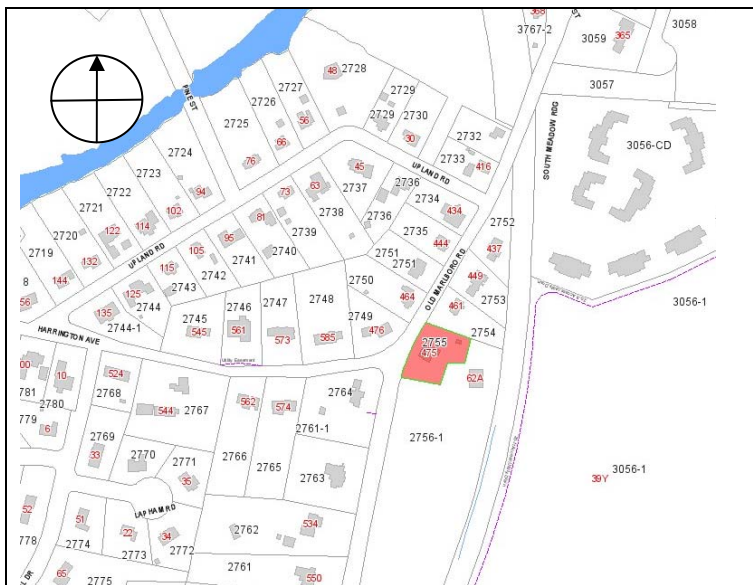
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

2755

Concord

CON.275

Town/City: Concord

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
West Concord

Address: 475 Old Marlboro Rd

Historic Name: Daniel and Harriett Tarbell/ George Berry House

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1880

Source: Architectural Style

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Rear addition - Mid-twentieth century.

Central dormer added between 1991-2013.

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .54 Acres

Setting: On a rural road of fields divided by woodlots. Late nineteenth and early twentieth century development located to the north and west.

Recorded by: Geoffrey Melhuish

Organization: ttl-architects

Date (*month / year*): July 2013

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CONCORD

475 OLD MARLBORO ROAD

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Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

475 Old Marlboro Road (CON.275) is a two-and-one-half story, wood frame Italianate. The bracketed over-hanging eaves, the tall, narrow windows of the first floor capped by molded hoods and the paired entry are typical of the Italianate style. The building adopts an irregular plan on a brick foundation. The three-by-four bay building faces west and is set back approximately twenty feet from the edge of Old Marlboro Road on a level lot. The residence is capped by a hipped roof with an intersecting side gable roof projecting from the south elevation, located flush with the front of the building and serving as the third bay of the building's facade. All roof planes are sheathed with asphalt shingles. A gable roof dormer is centered on the west roof plane. The dormer features a band of three 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows set within simple wood surround. Solar panels have been added to the southeast roof plane. Decorative wood cornice brackets are featured at each corner and centered on the facade. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the hip of the roof. The walls of the residence are clad with painted wood clapboards. A one-story hipped roof entry porch is centered on the facade. The details of the porch including the bracketed eaves is also expressive of the style. The roof of the porch is supported by decorative wood posts resting on a wood deck. A paired one-light over wood panel door provides access to the interior. A one-story bay window, also typical of the Italianate style is located to the north of the entry porch. Like the porch, wood brackets are featured along the cornice of the bay window. The bay features 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows set within a simple wood surround. A single 2/2 double-hung wood sash window is located to the south of the entry porch. Centered above the entry on the second floor is a paired 1/1 double-hung wood sash. A single 2/2 double-hung wood sash window is located to each side. Bracketed horizontal hoods cap each opening. A one-story addition projects out from the south elevation and one from the east elevation. The south addition is one-bay wide and one-bay deep and constructed on a brick foundation. The addition is capped by a shed roof. Architectural details closely resemble those of the principal block but less refined. The east addition is a one-story late-twentieth century block which is capped by a shed roof. A wood deck wraps the east addition. 475 Old Marlboro Road is a well preserved Italianate residence constructed in Concord during the late-nineteenth century.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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.

Settlement of the area to the south of the Assabet River occurred during the mid to late eighteenth century when farmer and bricklayer Josiah Wheeler settled in the area with his family (Wheeler-Harrington House, CON.277). Historic maps indicate that the area remained sparsely populated through the 19th century. In 1850, only the Wheeler-Harrington House is located along Harrington Avenue which appears as a dead end road off of Old Marlboro Road. The only other farm in the area was the Daniel Tarbell Farm located on Old Marlboro Road at the east end of Harrington Ave. Although maps indicate a property owned by D. Tarbell in this location as early as 1850, 475 Old Marlboro Road (CON.275) appears to have been constructed during the late mid-nineteenth century under the direction of George Barry. Remnants of an earlier farmhouse may remain, although the MHC form from 1991 has a hand written note that the house burned in 1879, apparently a total loss (Town Report 1879). Interior investigations are warranted to determine whether elements of the older house remain.

A property first appears on the 1852 map as the residence of D. Tarbell. Daniel Tarbell (1801-1883) and his wife, Harriett were residing in Concord as early as 1850. Daniel is listed in the census records as a farmer. He and Harriet were residing in Concord with their children Joanna (b 1832) and Daniel (B 1836). The Tarbells are still listed at the property in 1875. A portion of the Framingham & Lowell Railroad line was located to the east of the property in 1871. The 1880 Census indicates that the property is under the ownership of farmer George Berry (b 1838) and his wife, Henrietta (b 1843). George Berry does not appear in the 1880 Agricultural Census. George and Henrietta were married in 1876. The Berry's continued to reside on Old Marlboro Road in 1900. In 1905, farmer William J. Crossley purchased the property from real estate broker, Royal S. Wentworth.¹ The

¹ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 3199 Page 292.

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Crossley family maintained the property as a dairy farm through the mid-twentieth century. The property was maintained as a farm through the twentieth century. In 2000, the current owners, Thomas S. Garrett and Sarah L. Shuman purchased the property.² While no longer part of the residential property, fields once associated with the property remain to the south and east.

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² Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 31471 Page 453.

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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**

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

The Daniel and Harriett Tarbell/ George Berry House at 475 Old Marlboro Road is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places meeting Criteria A and C at the local level. Architecturally, the property is a well preserved example of a late nineteenth century Italianate residence that maintains a high degree of architectural integrity. The property is also significant for its association with farmer George Berry and the agricultural development of the area south of the Assabet River. The properties agricultural significance was enhanced by the continual farming much of it under the direction of William J. Crossley that occurred here through the twentieth century. While no longer part of the residential property, fields once associated with the property remain to the south and east. West Concord retains very few agricultural properties, having been significantly developed in the 20th century for housing subdivisions. The few remaining agricultural properties are significant because of their small number and as a reminder of the areas early 19th century agricultural past.

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Assessor's number

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Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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MAYNARD

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Town CONCORD(neighborhood or village) Sect AAddress 475 Old Marlborough RoadHistoric Name Tarbell/Barry HousePresent dwellingOriginal dwellingDate of Construction ca. 1875-85 (1879)Source visual assessment; maps; town reportsForm ItalianateArchitect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

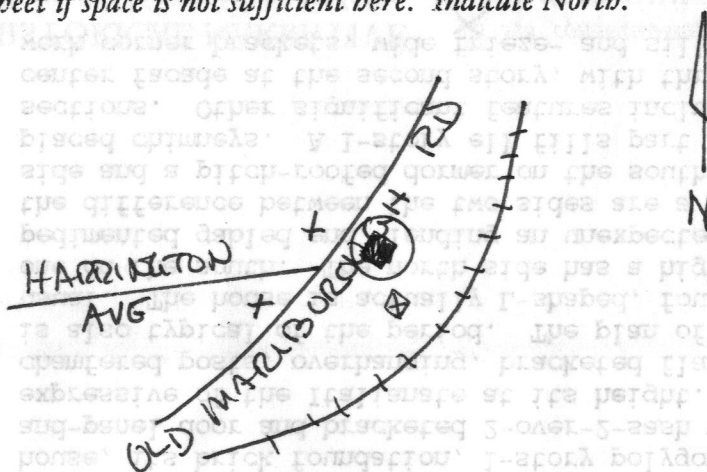
Foundation brickWall/Trim wood clapboardRoof asphalt shingleOutbuildings/Secondary Structures noneMajor Alterations (with dates) Mid-20thcentury: two 1-story extensionsat rear.Condition goodMoved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/AAcreage less than one acre

Setting

On rural road of fields, woods,
and houses of 19th through late 20th
centuries. Whitewashed stone barn to
southeast, plowed field to south along
railroad bed (on separate parcels.)

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.



A. Forbes

Recorded by research by Beatrice von Baeyer
for Concord Hist. Commission

Organization May, 1991
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.

Although maps show a farmhouse at this location as early as 1852, #475 Old Marlborough today is clearly a product of the late 1870's-early 1880's, when the Italianate style was in full swing. At first glance the house appears more typical of the Italianate than it actually is. It looks like a square 2-story three-bay house, its brick foundation, 1-story polygonal facade window, double-leaf glass-and-panel door and bracketed 2-over-2-sash windows with heavily-molded crowns all expressive of the Italianate at its height. The entry porch, too, with its square chamfered posts, overhanging, bracketed flat roof and pierced and incised decoration is also typical of the period. The plan of the building, however, is somewhat unusual. The house is actually L-shaped, four bays deep on the north side, and only one on the south. The north side has a high hipped roof, while the south has a pedimented gabled end, lending an unexpected asymmetry to the building. Emphasizing the difference between the two sides are a double hip-roofed dormer on the north side and a pitch-roofed dormer on the south side, rear, and three asymmetrically placed chimneys. A 1-story ell fills part of the southeast angle between the two sections. Other significant features include a paired 1-over-1-sash window in the center facade at the second story, with three cornice brackets above it, pierced-work corner brackets, wide frieze- and sill-boards, and narrow corner boards.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☒ see continuation sheet

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This house is significant as the farmhouse of one of Old Marlborough Road's nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century farms. Some part of the existing house may remain from an earlier farmhouse belonging to Daniel Tarbell (1801-1883). Shown on maps as early as 1830, with a house at this location by 1852, the Tarbell farm was the only one on this stretch of Old Marlborough Road until the second half of the nineteenth century. The house burned, apparently a total loss, in 1879.

Future deed research may clarify exactly who owned the property in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. "D. Tarbell" is still shown here in 1875; by 1889 it was the property of the Barry family. The property was owned after Daniel Tarbell's death by George Barry, through at least 1906, and it may have been he who built the present house. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Maps and atlases: (1852, 1856, 1875), 1889, 1906.

Town Directories.

Interviews with owners and neighbor.

Concord Town Report, 1879.

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Community

Property

CONCORDTarbell/Barry
House

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

According to neighboring property owners, #475 was owned early in the twentieth century by the **James Brown** family, and subsequently by **William J. and Margaret Crossley**, all of whom continued to farm the land. The Crossleys, at least, who owned the property until ca. 1953, were dairy farmers, and in their time the farm still occupied both sides of the road.

The tracks of the former Framingham & Lowell Railroad were constructed just to the east of the house in 1871. While making the shipping of milk and produce easier for Concord's farmers, the railroad's presence here had an ironic consequence, as the barns on the farm burned down, supposedly from sparks from a train. *They may have caused the 1879 house fire, as well.*