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| Inventory No: | CON.215 |
| Historic Name: | Buttrick, Stedman House |
| Common Name: | |
| Address: | 480 Monument St |
| City/Town: | Concord |
| Village/Neighborhood: | |
| Local No: | H6-1355-1- |
| Year Constructed: | 1850 |
| Architect(s): | Derby and Robinson |
| Architectural Style(s): | Colonial Revival; Greek Revival |
| Use(s): | Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House |
| Significance: | Agriculture; Architecture |
| Area(s): | CON.DV: North Bridge - Monument Square Historic District |
| Designation(s): | Local Historic District (03/05/1973) |
| Building Materials(s): | Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut |



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FORM B - BUILDING

CON. 215

Assessor's number

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Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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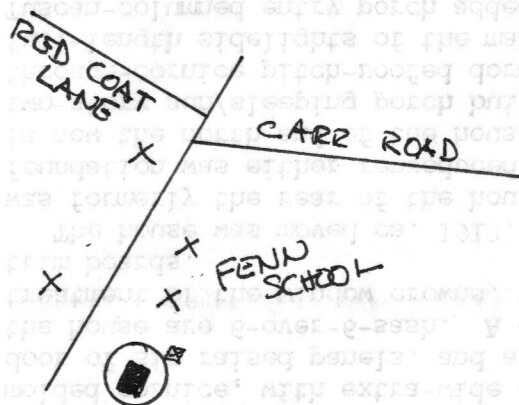
Place (neighborhood or village) PlaAddress 480 Monument StreetHistoric Name Stedman Buttrick HousePresent dwellingOriginal dwellingYear of Construction 1850Nearest Landmark Minuteman Nat. Hist. ParkArchitectural Form Greek RevivalArchitect/Builder unknown

Foundation Material:

Foundation dressed graniteWall/Trim wood clapboardRoof asphalt shingleOutbuildings/Secondary Structures garageMajor Alterations (with dates) 2 story sun-porches on S. end, wing extended, dormers, entry on W. end. (early 20th)Condition excellentMoved ☐ no ☒ yes Date 1913Acreage 2.17 acresSetting Set back from road, with widefront lawn fronted by large ever-greens. Rural, residential road.

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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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

#480 Monument Street, a combination of an 1850 core house with additions of ca. 1913, blends the Greek and Colonial Revival styles in extremely harmonious fashion. The main house is the epitome of a 2-story Greek Revival "double-pile" house of solid, substantial proportions. It has a pair of large ridge chimneys, (one turned 90 degrees,) pedimented ends, and a very wide entablature of frieze, architrave and boxed, molded cornice, with extra-wide cornerboard/pilasters to match. The main entry has a door of six raised panels, and a surround of flat Doric pilasters. All the windows in the house are 6-over-6-sash. A detail probably unique in Concord to this house is the treatment of the window crowns, where segmental-arched pediments are incised into the trim boards.

The house was moved ca. 1913, and rotated 180 degrees to face east, so today's facade was formerly the rear of the house. Remarkably, when it was moved, its dressed-granite foundation was either reproduced or moved with it. A very long ell extending from what is now the north end of the house appears to have been shortened, and a Colonial Revival two-story sun/sleeping porch built at the south end. At the north ell, a row of through-cornice pitch-roofed dormers were added. Probably at the same time, the full-length sidelights of the main entry were reduced to small half-sidelights, and a Tuscan-columned entry porch added.

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 originally stood on "Buttrick Hill" on the south side of Liberty Street, and was moved to its present site to make way for the 1913 Buttrick mansion. [See Minuteman Park, NR]. It was built in 1850 by Stedman Buttrick (1796-1874), replacing a small 1771-5 farmhouse built by his uncle Willard Buttrick. (Stedman Buttrick had bought the old Ephraim Buttrick farm from his father, Jonas, in 1836.)

Stedman Buttrick was Town Clerk from 1842 to 1851, and in 1836 defeated the incumbent, fellow townsman John Keyes for County Treasurer. He held that office until 1855. He farmed the land on Buttrick Hill until his death, after which the house is shown as belonging to his estate for a number of years. Through the turn of the century the house was occupied by Adeline and Harriet Buttrick, Stedman's daughters. Harriet worked as a secretary, and was Town Auditor for a number of years. She also served as an officer of the Concord Women's Club and the Concord Canoe Club. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORD

Stedman Buttrick
House

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

The farm eventually passed to (or was purchased by) Stedman's grandson, also named **Stedman Buttrick**, who had built the imposing 1911 Colonial Revival brick mansion that stands on the hill today. He left the farmhouse standing in front of the new one, however, until Adeline, the last of his aunts, died in 1913.

He subsequently sold it to **Leonard Metcalf**, who had it moved across the fields to the present location, on part of the former Carr Farm. Mr. Metcalf (1870-1926) was a civil engineer who began his own company in 1897, and in 1907 formed a partnership with Harrison P. Eddy to establish the hydraulic and sanitary engineering firm of Metcalf & Eddy, which is still in operation today. He had begun his career in William Wheeler's company, Wheeler and Parks, of Boston. [See Forms # and .] He was also Professor of Mathematics and Civil Engineering at the Mass. Agricultural College for two years. Locally, he was a trustee of the Concord Free Library, and served on the Water and Sewer Commission as both member and chairman.

Leonard Metcalf lived here with his sisters until his death in 1926. He hired the firm of Derby and Robinson to remodel and modernize the house, which was placed on the present granite foundation, and a sun porch/sleeping porch added.

The house was subsequently purchased by **John and Helen Bordman**.