

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.155
Historic Name:	Karin, D. House
Common Name:	
Address:	490 Cambridge Tpk
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	East Quarter
Local No:	I10-4060
Year Constructed:	c 1875
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Italianate
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture; Commerce
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Brick; 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

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CONCORD

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Town CONCORD

SECT - C

(neighborhood or village)

old "East Quarter"

Address 490 Cambridge Turnpike

Historic Name Karin (Karen) House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Year of Construction ca. 1875

Assessment Keyes, visual assessment

Style/Form Italianate

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures ca. 1890's
gable-end barn

Major Alterations (with dates) large
2-story addition on S. side--ca. 1990,
1-story addition on NW rear--20th C.

Condition fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage 1.17 acres.

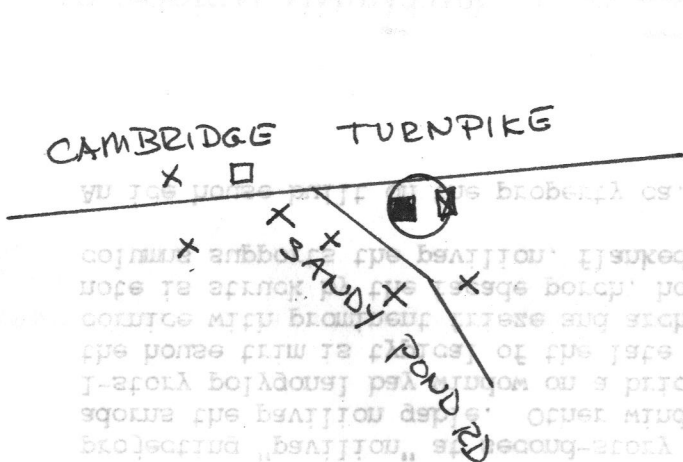
Setting On triangular corner lot at
junction of Cambridge Turnpike and

Sandy Pond Road. In area of 17th- to
20th-century houses.



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 for Concord Hist. Commission

Date (month/day/year) June, 1991

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

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

This house, especially with the recent post-modern wing on the west side, is an eclectic mix of several styles. The predominant vocabulary here is the vernacular Italianate, evidenced by the overall building proportions and the three-bay, 2 1/2-story facade, which is dominated by a large double-leaf glass-and-panel door and a pitch-roofed, projecting "pavilion" at second-story level over the door. An arched, 2-light window adorns the pavilion gable. Other windows are 2-over-2-sash, with flat surrounds; a 1-story polygonal bay window on a brick foundation projects from the west end. Most of the house trim is typical of the late nineteenth century, including a boxed, molded cornice with prominent frieze and architrave, and narrow corner boards. A different note is struck by the facade porch, however, where a pair of tall Colonial Revival columns supports the pavilion, flanked by a gridwork balustrade.

An ice house built on the property ca. 1900 burned down in about 1920.

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 it is one of the later historic houses on Cambridge Turnpike, documents on #490 are somewhat confusing. It does not appear on any map before 1906, but Keyes says that it was built in 1875 by D. Karen (Karin), who purchased the easterly part of the old Prescott/Hosmer farm from Asa Calef, who had bought the farm in that same year.) (See #82 Sandy Pond Road.) The 1886 Directory shows a William Karins on Cambridge Turnpike.

Sometime in the late 1890's the property was purchased by Thatcher Magoun, who lived here after he ceased managing the Thoreau House [NR] on Monument Square. He was here for only a short time, however, as by 1901 the owner was Ivory A. Wheeler. He dammed the brook/marsh to the east, creating the pond that still exists today, and established an ice business here. His ice house burned down in ca. 1920.

In 1913 Charles G. Wood lived here. He had come to Concord from Rutland, Mass. to serve as foreman of the farm at the Mill Brook School, (cf. #383 Cambridge Turnpike,) and it is not clear whether he or Wilmot Jones, owner of the school, owned the property at that time. The school closed in 1917, and it was probably in that year that the farm was purchased by Harvey Crosby. He owned it until 1960, succeeded by his daughter-in-law Rose until 1983. Rte. 2 was built through the east part of the farm in the 1950's--hence the name, "Crosby's Corner" for the sharp turn that the road makes there today.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Maps and atlases: 1906.

Town Directories.

Interview with owner, 4/2/91; interviews with neighbors, 3/91 and 5/3/91.

Keyes/Tolman.

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