

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.172
Historic Name:	O'Connor, Michael House
Common Name:	
Address:	582 Lexington Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Merriam's Corner
Local No:	I9-4081
Year Constructed:	1874
Architect(s):	O'Connor, Michael
Architectural Style(s):	Italianate
Use(s):	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.DS: American Mile Historic District
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (03/06/1961)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Assessor's number

19-4081

USGS Quad

CONCORD

Area(s)

Form Number

172

CONCORD

Town

(neighborhood or village)

Merriam's Corner

582 Lexington Road

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Eric Name Michael O'Conner House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

of Construction ca. 1874-75

Owner's granddaughter

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ect/Builder Michael O'Connor, builder

Exterior Material:

brick

Foundation wood clapboard

Wall/Trim asphalt shingle

Roof

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures none

Major Alterations (with dates)

Shed dormer across rear--ca. 1991.

Early 20th-C. glassed entry porch on west side.

Condition good

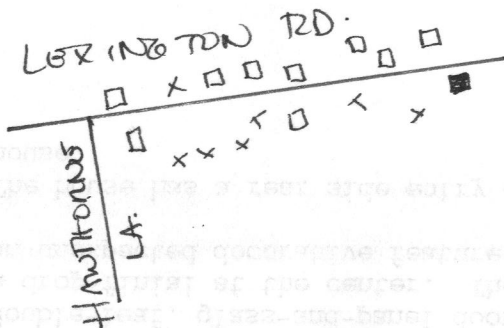
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage one acre

Setting In residential district of 18th- and 19th-century houses near town center, with modern houses interspersed. Close to 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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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.

#582 is a 2 1/2-story, three-bay vernacular house typical of the late nineteenth century. Three by two bays, it has a pair of ridge chimneys, a brick foundation, and 2-over-2-sash windows. Most of the house trim is subdued, consisting of unadorned cornerboards and a molded, boxed cornice. Nearly all decorative emphasis is concentrated on the center of the facade, where a paired 1-over-1-sash window tops a double-leaf, glass-and-panel door with a deep, elaborate hood on chamfered braces, with a drop finial at the center. The heavy cornices over the first story facade windows are an unexpected decorative feature.

The house has a rear side entry on both east and west, indicating its use as a double house.

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.

#582 is one of several houses at Merriam's Corner built by immigrants or children of immigrants in the late nineteenth- and early-twentieth-centuries. Its builder and first owner was farmer and carpenter **Michael O'Connor**, who came to Concord from Nova Scotia and married **Hannah Dwyer** of Sudbury. They had ten children, all of whom were born here.

The house was later converted to a two-family dwelling. According to **Keyes** the first owner of the other half of the house sold his part to fish dealer **Charles Snow** of Monument Street.

In about 1910 **Michael O'Connor** left Concord, and the house was purchased by **Hannah's** sister **Elizabeth Dwyer**. She was a dress maker, and owned it until her death in 1935 or 1936. Some time before she died her brother **Thomas Dwyer, Sr.**, moved into one side with his family, and continued to live here until his death in 1946. His two daughters, **Mary** and **Elizabeth**, lived here into the 1980's. After their deaths the house was sold out of the family, (in about 1990).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Maps, atlases: 1889, 1906. Highway plan, 1898-
Keyes/Tolman. "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's.
Town Directories and tax lists.
Interviews with builder's granddaughter, 1992.

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