

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.239
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Dakin, Franklin and Alford Butler Curling House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	616 Lowell Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Hildreth's Corner
<b>Local No:</b>	G7-1335
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1830
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Federal; Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.DT: Barrett Farm Historic District
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Local Historic District (10/10/1972)
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wood Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard; Wood Flushboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut



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## FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

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Area(s)

Form Number

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Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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Town

CONCORD

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Neighborhood or village)

Hildreth's Corner

616 Lowell Road

Name F. and A.B.C. Dakin House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Construction ca. 1830

visual assessment

Federal/Greek Revival

Form unknown

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

dressed granite

Foundation

wood clapboard

Wall/Trim

Roof

wood and asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates)

20th century:

shutters; arched, balconied porch  
on south; some additions and window  
replacement on rear wings. Early 20th  
C. 1-story addition on north.

Condition

excellent

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes

Date N/A

Acreage

4.52 acres

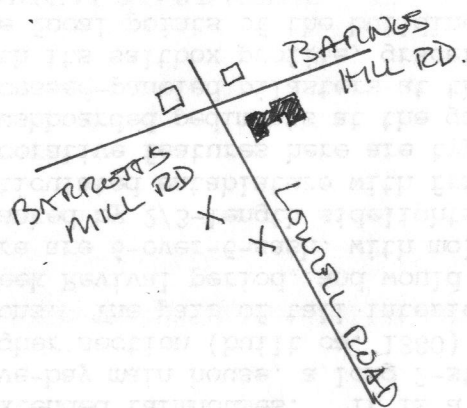
Setting

On large, open lot at corner

of Barnes Hill Rd. Stone wall enclosure  
at south side of house.

## 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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for Concord Hist. Commission

Organization

Date (month/day/year)

June, 1992

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

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

Although this building is valuable as an example of rural Greek Revival architecture, there are enough lingering features of the Federal period to suggest either a transitional construction date of ca. 1825 or a ca. 1840's rebuilding of an earlier house. One source says the house was built ca. 1810. This is one of Hildreth Corner's many "extended farmhouses." It is a four-part structure, consisting of a 2 1/2-story, five-bay main house, a long 2-story rear wing extending east to connect via a slightly higher section (built ca. 1880) to a large cross-gabled barn with "saltbox" proportions. The pair of tall interior chimneys on the rear of the house is unusual for the Greek Revival period, and would be more characteristic of ca. 1810. Most of the windows here are 6-over-6-sash, with molded surrounds. The main entry has a four-paneled door flanked by 2/3-length sidelights and recessed-paneled pilasters; above it is a well-articulated entablature with frieze and molded, projecting lintel. Some other major decorative features here are typical of the 1830's-'40's Greek Revival, including the flushboarded pediments at the gable-ends, the echinus-molded cornice, and the recessed-paneled pilasters at the house corners. The barn, (built in the early 1880's,) with its saltbox profile, graceful cupola, and transomed, vertical-board door, is one of the focal points of the building.

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.*

#616 Lowell Road is significant for its long association with the Dakin family. It is not certain for whom it was built, and may, in fact, incorporate parts of an older house. The first known owner was Franklin Dakin, who married Mary Lines of Somerville in 1845. One of the oldest of Concord families, the Dakins go back to Thomas Dakin, who was here before 1650. Franklin Dakin made his living transporting weekly loads of meat and produce to market in Boston. He died at the end of the nineteenth century, and the farm was carried on by his son, Alford Butler Curling Dakin (1849-1923), always known as "A.B.C." Active in town affairs, A.B.C. Dakin represented the Barrett's Mill district on the School Committee. He was also a Captain of the local militia.

After A.B.C. Dakin died, the property was sold to Danforth Comins. It was subsequently acquired by Pliny Jewell.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Maps, atlases: 1830, 1852, 1856, ca. 1871, 1875, 1889, 1906.  
Keyes/Tolman.  
Wheeler House File #Lo6.  
Town directories and tax files.  
Richardson, Concord Chronicle.  
Fenn, Mary. Old Houses of Concord. 1974.

☒ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Community  
CONCORD

Property Address  
616 Lowell Road

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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

Anne McCarthy Forbes

Statement of Significance by \_\_\_\_\_  
*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

This house meets the criteria for individual listing on the National Register, both for its well-preserved transitional Federal/Greek Revival architecture, and for its association with two generations of the prominent Dakin farming family. It is also eligible for its contribution to the architectural character of a potential district of eighteenth- to late-nineteenth-century farms and residences at Hildreth Corner. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship, feeling and association.



B Building

FORM A - AREA AND SITE SURVEY  
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

6. Please comment on the Historical or Architectural importance of this area:



1. Town Concord  
2. Name of area or section intersection of Lowell Rd + Barnes Hill  
Lowell + Barnes Hill Rd

3. Date or Period 19th C. (1810)

4. Is the area uniform? yes

5. Condition well kept up

6. Type of ownership private - JEWELL

(Explain) dwelling, farm

7. Is the area potentially threatened? \_\_\_\_\_

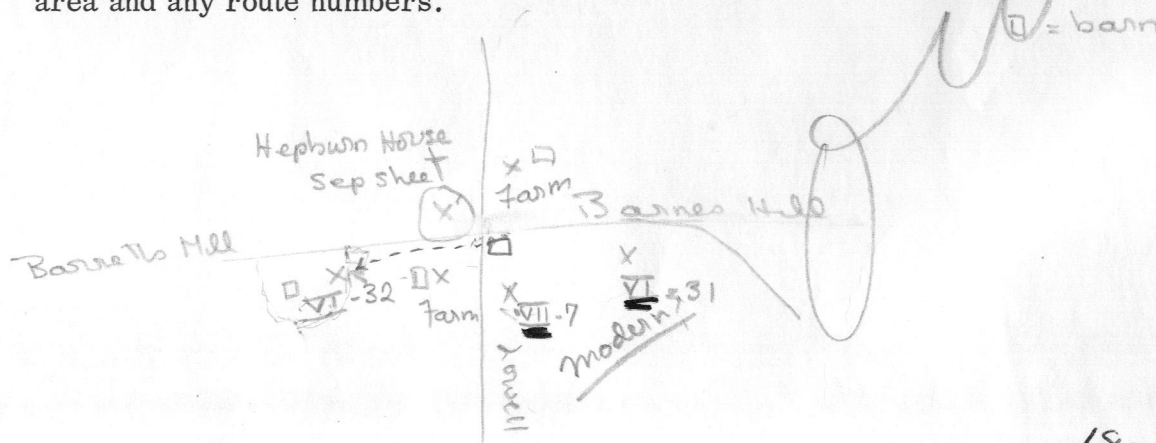
8. Is the area being \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are there any signs \_\_\_\_\_

By Developers \_\_\_\_\_

By Deterioration \_\_\_\_\_

7. Draw a general map of the area involved. Please indicate in red any known historic sites on which individual reports are contemplated on Form B. Indicate street boundaries of area and any route numbers.



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Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Organization)

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