

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.255
Historic Name:	Barker, C. A. House
Common Name:	
Address:	857 Lowell Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Hildreth's Corner
Local No:	F6-1624
Year Constructed:	c 1880
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Victorian Eclectic
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Slate 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

SECT A

Neighborhood or village)

Hildreth's Corner

857 Lowell Road

C.A. Barker House

Name

dwelling

Present

dwelling

Original

ca. 1880-85

Construction

Keyes

Queen Anne vernacular

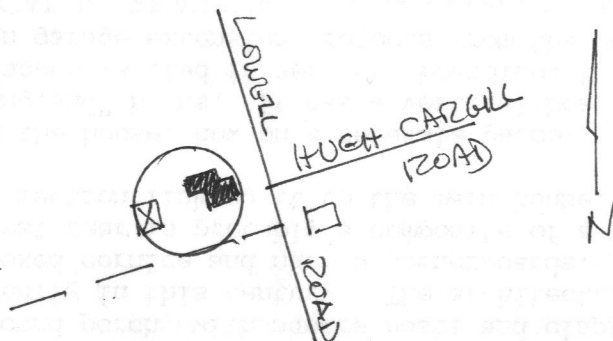
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Architect/Builder

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.



Exterior Material:

brick; rubble under porch

Foundation

wood clapboard

Wall/Trim

slate

Roof

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

large gable-end barn on parcel 1623

Major Alterations (with dates)

mid-late 20th C.: modern extensions
on rear; entry replaced.

Condition

good

Moved



no



yes

Date N/A

Acreage

less than one acre

Setting

On large lot with mature trees. Stone retaining wall at road-side; long drive along south side of property. In rural area of nineteenth-century houses intermixed with modern.

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for Concord Hist. Commission

Organization

June, 1992

Date (month/day/year)

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 is one of the later Victorian houses built on the fringes of Hildreth Corner in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Typically, it is a vernacular house with some characteristics of the Queen Anne. It is a 2 1/2-story, two-bay gable-end structure with a pair of ridge chimneys, and a two-story wing on the north side. A one-story ell projects from the end of the wing. A pair of pitch-roofed dormers animate the main south roof slope. The windows are 2-over-2-sash, with flat, unadorned surrounds; a bay window projects from the first story on the south side. A generously proportioned wraparound porch, with square posts and clapboarded balustrade, appears to have been added early in this century. The architectural trim is extremely plain, consisting of an unboxed cornice and narrow cornerboards. A long one-story ell extending to the northwest rear is probably a composite of a former shed, (cf. its 2/2 windows,) and a modern section linking it to the main house.

Behind the house, now on a separate parcel, is one of the area's most well-preserved "New England" barns. It has a vertical-board rolling door in the south-facing facade; (the facade is clad in vertical boarding; the sides of the building are clapboarded). An open garage extension projects from the east elevation.

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 is one of several houses built by a farmer who moved from one farm to another on Lowell Road. In this case it was C.A. Barker, a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, who had previously lived on the old Abel Davis place opposite #1266. A few years later, he moved south for his health, and sold this farm to Henry P. Richardson. By 1896 the Richardsons had moved to Main Street, however, and the property had been acquired by poultry-farmer and breeder Lester Tompkins. His specialty was Rhode Island Reds, of which he raised many champions.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps, atlases: 1906.
Keyes/Tolman.
Town directories and tax files.

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