

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.1726
Historic Name:	Sullivan, John J. Double House
Common Name:	
Address:	1063-1065 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1900
Architect(s):	Sheehan, Jeremiah
Architectural Style(s):	Altered beyond recognition; Queen Anne
Use(s):	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Workers Housing
Significance:	Architecture; Industry
Area(s):	CON.H: Hosmer - Sheehan Farms CON.DM: Main Streetscape VII
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Vinyl Siding; Wood Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Concord

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
West Concord

Photograph



Address: 1063-1065 Main St.

Historic Name: John J. Sullivan House

Uses: Present: Multi-family Residential

Original: Multi-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1900

Source: Historic Maps and Deed Research

Style/Form: Queen Anne/double house

Architect/Builder: Jeremiah Sheehan

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Fieldstone

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Vinyl siding and replacement windows - late twentieth century

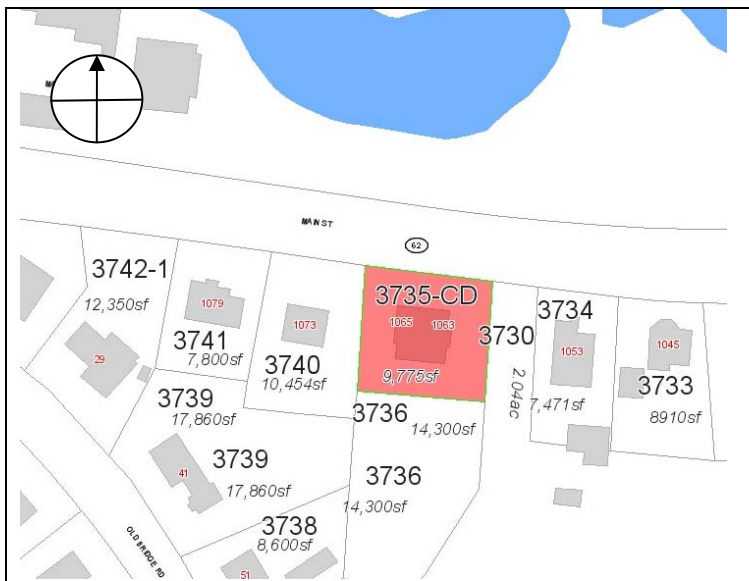
Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .15 Acres

Setting: Located in a residential area located along Main Street to the east of the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord. The multi-family residence occupies much of the small lot it sits on. Mature plantings frame the residence.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Geoffrey Melhuish

Organization: ttl-architects

Date (*month / year*): July 2013

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If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

1031-1065 Main Street consist of five, gable front residences constructed between ca. 1865 and ca. 1900. The earliest property, located at 1053 Main Street (CON.1725) is a modest one-and-one-half story side hall front gable which has undergone alterations including the addition of the late-nineteenth century ell, the mid-twentieth century through cornice dormers on the principal block, a shed roof dormer on the principal block and side ell and the application of sawtooth vertical board trim on the gable roof entry porch. 1031, 1037, and 1045 Main Street (CON.1722-171724) are similar two-and-one-half story, wood frame front gable Queen Anne residences that were constructed ca 1890-ca. 1899. Each of the properties features a wrap-around porch and a two-story side ell. Typical of the Queen Anne style, 1045 Main Street still retains many of its original 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows as well decorative cut shingles, both staggered and scalloped, within its gables and a band between the first and second floors. Both 1031 and 1037 Main Street have undergone siding replacement and the installation of vinyl replacement windows on many of the windows. In addition, 1037 has had a two-story addition to the side ell.

1063/1065 Main Street (CON.1726) constructed ca. 1900 is a two-and-one-half story front gable Queen Anne inspired double-house. The residence features a prominent pedimented front gable resting on two-story bay windows flanking the paired entry. The four by three bay building faces north and adopts a rectangular plan on a stone foundation. The residence is set back approximately fifteen feet from the edge of Main Street. A wood picket fence separates the house from the street. The residence is capped in a pedimented front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Three brick chimneys pierce the roof of the residence. One interior brick chimney pierces the south end of the ridge and an interior brick chimney pierces the east and west roof planes. Additionally, an intersecting pedimented gable is located on the east and west elevations capping a two-and-one-half story bay window which project slightly from each elevation. The building is clad with vinyl siding and windows are vinyl replacements. Access to the residences is provided by a paired entry at the center of the facade. A one-story hipped roof entry porch protects both openings. The roof of the porch is supported by turned wood posts; clustered at each corner. To each side of the entry is a two-story bay window. Although modified by vinyl siding and vinyl replacement windows, 1063-1065 Main Street maintains the form of worker housing commonly constructed in West Concord and other towns in Massachusetts to house workers near factories and other industrial properties during the mid-late nineteenth century.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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.

The area along Main Street, east of Concord Junction, from Old Bride Road to Route 2 is expressive of the late nineteenth century residential development brought on by the growing industries of West Concord and the expanding State Reformatory.¹ Much of this development occurred on nineteenth century farmland including lots subdivided from the Hosmer Sheehan (CON.1721) farm by farmer and building contractor Jeremiah Sheehan and Harvey Wheeler, the owner of the Boston Harness Company. The 1988 Main Street Streetscape form goes on to say that *the first parcels to be sold by Jeremiah Sheehan and his brother, Daniel, who lived at 1053 Main Street, were the properties at 1031-1045 Main Street*, in the 1890s. Later twentieth century development of the farmland took place in 1935 for Fairview Park, overlooking the golf course to the south of Old Marlboro Road. Between 1946 and 1953 most of the remaining farm land between Old Marlboro Road and Main Street was subdivided.

¹ Anne Forbes. Massachusetts Historical Commission: Main Street (CON.DM). Concord Historical Commission, March 1988. on file at Massachusetts Historical Commission. Boston, MA (also Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System [MACRIS], via www.state.ma.us/sec/mhc).

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1063-1065 Main Street (CON.1726) is identified on the 1906 map as the property of J.J. Sullivan. John J. Sullivan (b 1871) resided on Old Bridge Road with his family and was employed in 1910 as a traveling cigar salesman and in 1920 as a census supervisor. Deed research indicates that the property was lot 12 on a plan entitled "Plan of Proposed New Streets and House Lots at Concord Junction owned by Jeremiah Sheehan, Dated Dec 1899."² It is unknown at this time if the house was built by Jeremiah Sheehan or John J. Sullivan; however the 1988 MHC Streetscape form: Main Street (CON.DM) suggests that the property was constructed by Jeremiah Sheehan to rent to factory workers working at the Boston Harness Company Co. For much of the first half of the twentieth century, the property was maintained as a two-family rental property. In 1910, one half of the residence was home to Martha K. Delaney and the other half was the residence of T. Sheehan. In 1920, John J. Castle, a house painter and his wife Martha shared the residence with Ernest B. Minor, a truck helper and his wife, Martha. At some point during the late twentieth century, the property was purchased by James W. and Sandra J. Oakman. In 1988, the property was once again divided and one half interest went to Richard W. and Elizabeth F. Pearl and the other half to Donald A. and Barbara A. Bowen. 1063 Main Street is currently owned by David P. Smyth and Anne C. Piessens³ and 1065 Main Street is owned by Dorothy and Sharlene Gregory.⁴

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² Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 19308 page 584.

³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 30461 page 182.

⁴ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 59424 page 227.

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