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Inventory No:	CON.1503
Historic Name:	Haynes, Elias E. House
Common Name:	Cantor, Robert L. House
Address:	1279-1281 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1885
Architect(s):	Haynes, Elias E.
Architectural Style(s):	Victorian Eclectic
Use(s):	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.F: Derby Addition CON.DD: Main Streetscape V
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Brick



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FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Concord

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

Address: 1279-1281 Main St.

Historic Name: Elias E. and Abbie Haynes House

Uses: Present: Multi-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1885

Source: Historic Maps and Census Records

Style/Form: Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder: Elias E. Haynes

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A small storage shed was constructed in 2003 to the southeast of the residence.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement Windows and doors - 1991

Converted into a two-family from a single-family residence - late twentieth century.

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .190 Acres

Setting: Located across from the municipal center and very close to Main Street, the property is located on a narrow lot just west of the village of Concord Junction.

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☒ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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.

1279 Main Street (CON.1503) is a two-and-one-half story, wood frame Victorian Eclectic residence. Dating from the late nineteenth century, Victorian Eclectic buildings feature a combination of elements from a variety of Victorian styles including the Queen Anne and Italianate styles such that the property does not fit into any one of the single styles. Character-defining features of this modest Victorian Eclectic residence include the front gable roof, the paired windows on the front facade, the bay window on the west elevation, typical Italianate details and the lath-turned columns supporting the porch, a Queen Anne detail. The building adopts an rectangular plan on a brick foundation. The two-by-three bay building faces north and is set back approximately twenty feet from the road on a level lot. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the east roof plane; one to the north and one to the south. A two-story ell projects out from the east elevation. The ell is capped by a gable roof which intersects the east roof plane of the principal block. The exterior walls of the residence are clad with wood clapboards. A wrap-around porch is featured at the northeast corner of the facade. The porch is capped by a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The roof of the porch is supported by turned wood posts resting on a raised wood deck. Access is provided by an entry at the east end of the facade. A paired 1/1 double-hung vinyl replacement window is located to the west of the entry. Windows above are vinyl replacements. Each opening is set within a simple wood surround. A one-story bay window is located at the north end of the west elevation. The bay window is capped by a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. A two-story ell projects out from the south elevation of the residence. Although altered by replacement windows, 1279-1281 Main Street maintains the form and fenestration of a modest late nineteenth century Victorian Eclectic residence.

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.

In 1874 the "Derby Addition" was laid out to the south of Concord Junction on approximately 35 acres of land owned by Benjamin Derby. Benjamin Derby's farmstead was originally located northeast of Main Street until the late 1960s.¹ It appears that Benjamin Derby "anticipated the demand for housing heralded by the 1874 act of the Massachusetts legislature that authorized the building of a new State Prison, just north of Concord Junction."²

Development of the area was slow to begin. There were only five house lots, on the original 109 lot "Derby Addition" by 1889 and those lots were located on Main Street. Shortly after, Derby Street and the easternmost area of Central Street were developed between 1890 and 1910. Many of the single family homes and double houses in the area were built as speculative housing by Reformatory Officers and local residents for resale and rental to employees of the Reformatory, nearby factories including the Boston Harness Company, the 1906 Allen Chair Company or the Fitchburg Railroad.

1279 Main Street (CON.1503) was constructed ca. 1885 by carpenter, Elias E. Haynes (1835-c1896) and his wife, Abbie (1838-1908) and is one of the first properties constructed in the "Derby Addition". Elias and Abbie were married in Acton, MA in 1861. They had one daughter, Hattie, who was born in 1867. Abbie continued to reside on Main Street into the early twentieth century.

¹ Anne Forbes, Massachusetts Historical Commission. The "Derby Addition" (CON.F) *Concord Massachusetts*. Concord, Mass: Concord Historical Commission, 1988. [CFPL]

² Ibid

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Between 1954 and 1994, the property was the residence of Robert L. Cantor.³ The current owners, Joseph and Mary Syiek purchased the property in 2005.⁴ The property is currently a two-family residence.

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³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 24511 Page 440.

⁴ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 44435 Page 567.

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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**

Statement of Significance by Geoffrey Melhuish
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

Although altered by replacement windows, 1279 Main Street maintains the form and fenestration of a modest late nineteenth century Victorian Eclectic residence and is significant as one of the earlier properties constructed within the "Derby Addition." The residence possesses a high degree of integrity of design, setting and workmanship. The property meets criterion A and C at the local level and would be a contributing property in a potential Historic District. Many of the homes along Main Street, Derby Street and Central Street maintain a high degree of architectural integrity. Most of the buildings were constructed during the second half of the nineteenth century and the first quarter of the twentieth century and are historically significant for their association with the industrial and residential growth of Concord Junction in the last quarter of the nineteenth century and early twentieth century. Exact boundaries of a potential National Register District within this area remain to be determined; however the boundaries of a potential district might include the area defined by Main Street to the north, Derby Street to the east, Riverside Avenue and Pleasant Street to the south, West Street to the west and the section of Central Street within.