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Inventory No:	CON.1504
Historic Name:	Allen, Percy W. House
Common Name:	Alley, Dr. Ernest J. - Chapin, William House
Address:	1289 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1885
Architect(s):	Harris, Frank
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne
Use(s):	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; Wood Shingle Foundation: Concrete Unspecified; Stone, Cut



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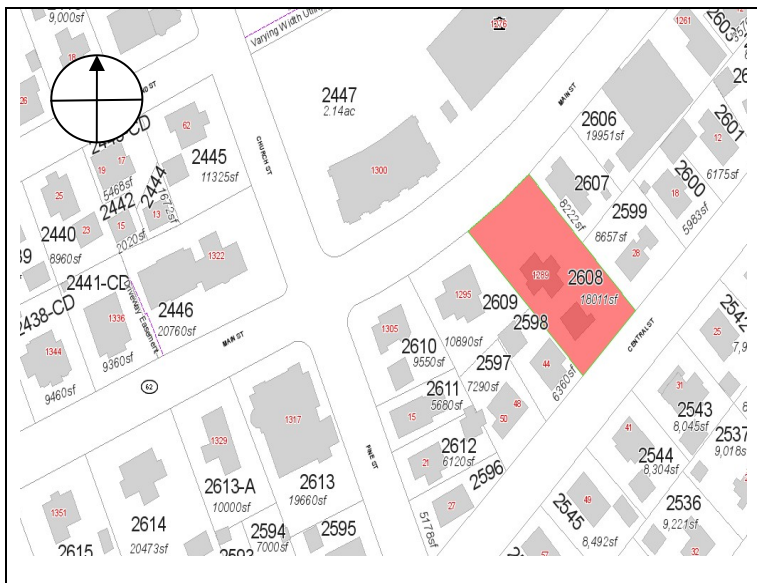
FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Town/City: Concord

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

Address: 1289 Main St.

Historic Name: Percy W. and Ines Allen House

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1885

Source: Historic Maps and Census Records

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder: Frank Harris

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone and Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards/Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A one-and one-half story, two-car garage is located to the south of the residence. The garage was constructed in 1974. The garage is oriented towards Central Street

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

A full-width hipped roof porch which was added to the structure ca. 2010.

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .410 Acres

Setting: Located on a large lot and set back from the street in a residential area located along Main Street to the west of the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord.

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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.

The Percy Allen House at 1289 Main Street (CON.1504) is a two-and-one-half story, wood frame Queen Anne style residence. Typical of the Queen Anne style, the house features an intersecting gable roof with a dominant front facing gable clad with decorative shingles and a cut-away bay on the west elevation. The building adopts an irregularly shaped plan on a stone and concrete foundation. The three-by-three bay building faces north and is set back approximately fifty feet from the road on a level lot. The building terminates in an intersecting front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. One interior brick chimney pierces the west roof plane. A two-story, ell projects out from the east elevation and a two-story ell projects out from the west elevation. Both ells are capped by gable roofs which intersect the principal block. The ell on the west elevation features a cut-away bay on the first floor which is detailed by wood brackets. The gables are clad with variegated shingles and the exterior walls are clad with wood clapboards. A full-width hipped roof porch which was added to the structure ca. 2010 is featured on the facade. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and supported by turned wood posts resting on a wood deck. Access is provided by a double-door entry which was added ca. 2010. The 1988 MHC Form A:Derby Addition photo of 1289 Main Street indicates that the entry was originally a single entry marked by sidelights. Two 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows are located to the west of the entry opening. Each opening is set within a simple wood surround. The second floor features three 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows stacked above the first floor openings. A one-story gable roof addition projects out from the south elevation. The addition appears in aerial photos to be two-bays wide by two-bays deep. An open porch is located along the east elevation. An late twentieth century, one-and one-half story, two-car garage is located to the south of the residence. The garage is oriented towards Central Street. The wood clapboard walls rise to a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Two overhead track door provide vehicle access to the garage. A 6/6 double-hung wood sash in the gable provides light to the interior. 1289 Main Street is an example of a modest turn of the century Queen Anne residence constructed in Concord during the 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.

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.

1289 Main Street (CON.1504) was constructed ca. 1885 for Percy W. Allen (b. 1856) and his wife, Ines N. Allen (b. 1857) and is one of the first properties constructed in the "Derby Addition". The 1988 Massachusetts Historical Commission Area Form: The "Derby Addition" indicates that the property was constructed by Frank Harris. Street directories and census records could provide no additional information. Percy was employed as a clerk at the State Reformatory in Concord. In 1905, the property

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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was the residence of physician, Ernest J. Alley. In 1909, the property was sold to William Chapin.³⁴ His grandson, Richard M. Hatch, continues to own the property today.

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³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 3471 Page 46.

⁴ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 49402 Page 512.

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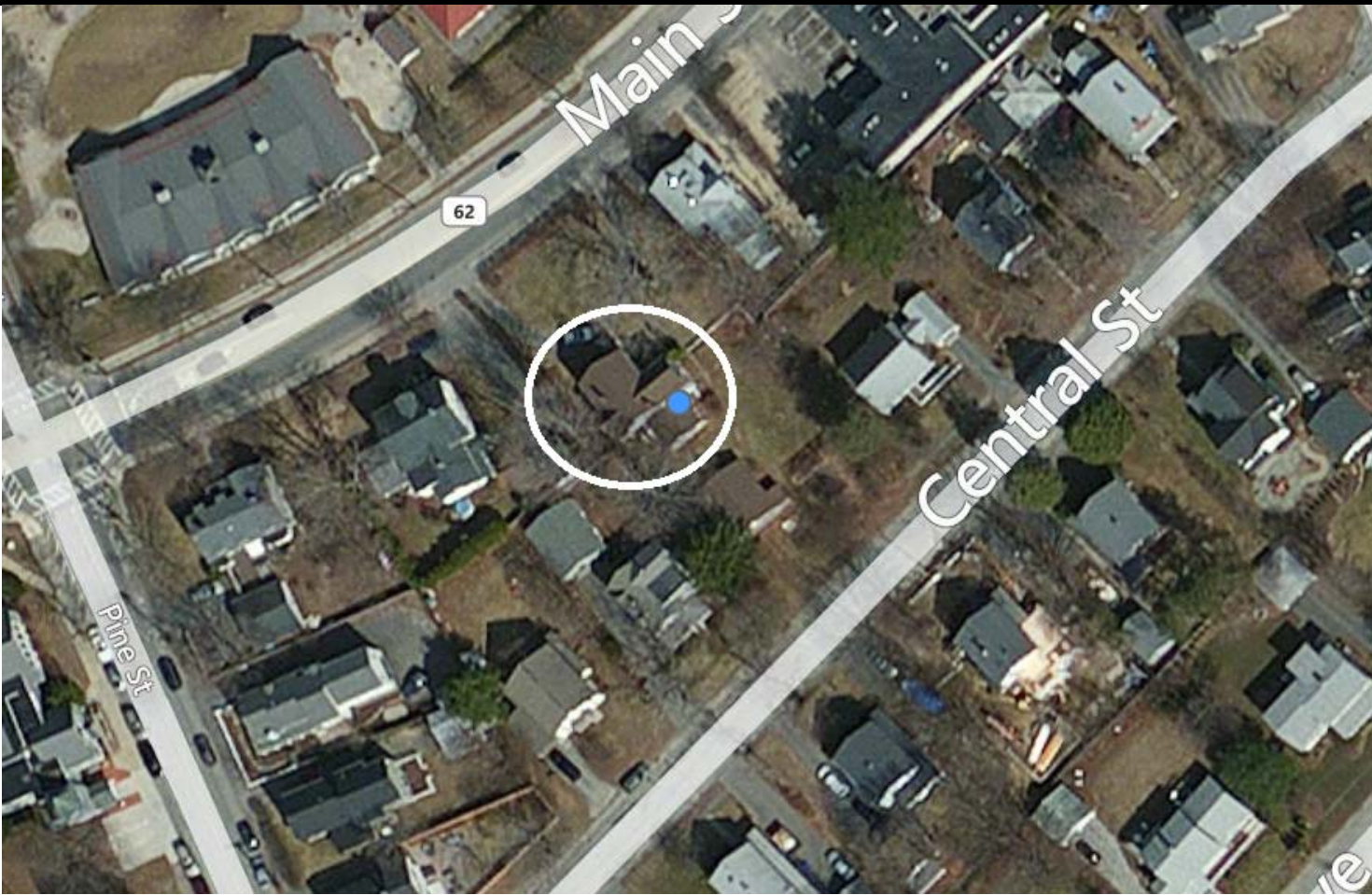
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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

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.

The Percy Allen House at 1289 Main Street is an example of a modest turn of the century Queen Anne constructed in Concord during the late nineteenth century 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.