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Inventory No:	CON.1505
Historic Name:	Collins, Margaret House
Common Name:	Bowering, Warren House
Address:	1295 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1900
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Victorian Eclectic
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: Vinyl Siding; Wood Foundation: Brick; Poured Concrete



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FORM B – BUILDING

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

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Concord

Place: (neighborhood or village):
West Concord

Photograph



Address: 1295 Main St.

Historic Name: Margaret Collins House

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1900

Source: Historic Maps and Street Directories

Style/Form: Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates):

Chimney removed - 1989

Vinyl Siding - late twentieth century

Side ell - 1996

Replacement windows - 2013

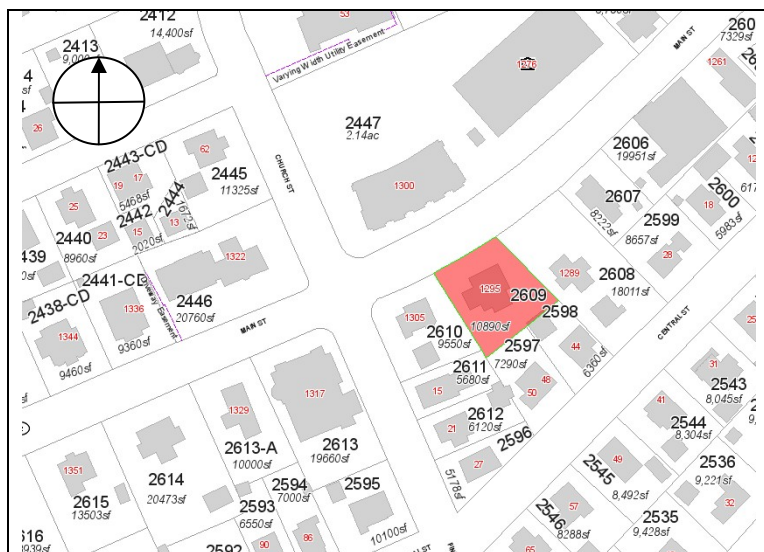
Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ Date:

Acreage: .250 Acres

Setting: Located on a well-landscaped lot in a residential area along Main Street to the west of the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Geoffrey Melhuish

Organization: ttl-architects

Date (month / year): July 2013

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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.

1295 Main Street (CON.1505) is a two-and-one-half story wood-frame gable house constructed in the Victorian Eclectic style. 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. The property mimics the form of double-houses being constructed on Derby Street (25-27 Derby Street, CON1532 and 37-39 Derby Street, CON.1535) and other areas of West Concord at the same time; however, the difference with 1295 Main Street is that this property was constructed as a single family home and the original details of the house including the steeply pitched side gable roof, the window hoods (presently covered over with vinyl) and paired windows give this house it subtle styling cues.

The three bay by-four bay building adopts a rectangular plan on a brick foundation. The building faces north and is set approximately twenty feet back from Main Street. The residence is capped by a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridge at the east end of the house. Centered on the north roof plane is a pedimented gable roof dormer. A single 1/1 vinyl replacement window in the dormer provides light to the interior. The residence is clad with vinyl siding. Centered on the first floor is the primary entrance. The opening is marked by a one-story hipped roof entry porch. The roof of the porch is supported by slender wood posts resting on a raised wood deck. The replacement door is set within a simple wood surround and flanked by sidelights. A one-story bay window is located to each side of the entry. Each bay window is capped by a shed roof which intersects the hip of the porch. Windows of the first floor are 1/1 double-hung wood sash while windows above are vinyl replacements. A two-story, gable roof ell is located on the south elevation and a one-story, gable roof addition is located on the west elevation. The one-story addition is constructed on a poured concrete foundation.. Although modified by vinyl siding and replacement windows, 1295 Main Street retains the form and fenestration of its Italianate and Queen Anne influences.

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.

1295 Main Street (CON.1505) was constructed ca. 1900. The 1906 map indicates that the home was the residence of Margaret Collins (1845-1909), the widow of teamster and farm laborer Frank Collins (1845-1899). Their daughter Margaret (b. 1897) continued to reside on Main Street in the early twentieth century. In 1941, the property was purchased by Warren and Ella V.

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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Bowering.³ The Bowerings maintained ownership of the property until it was sold in 1977 to Morgan and Belinda Smith. Belinda Smith continues to own the property in 2013.

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³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 6535 Page 409.

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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 modified by vinyl siding and replacement windows, 1295 Main Street retains the form and fenestration of its Italianate and Queen Anne influences. 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.