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Inventory No: CON.1506

Historic Name: Russell, Benjamin F. house

Common Name:

Address: 1305 Main St

City/Town: Concord

Village/Neighborhood: West Concord

Local No:

Year Constructed: c 1900

Architect(s):

Architectural Style(s): Colonial Revival

Use(s): Single Family Dwelling House

Significance: Architecture

Area(s): CON.F: Derby Addition

CON.DD: Main Streetscape V

Designation(s):

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Building Materials(s): Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle

Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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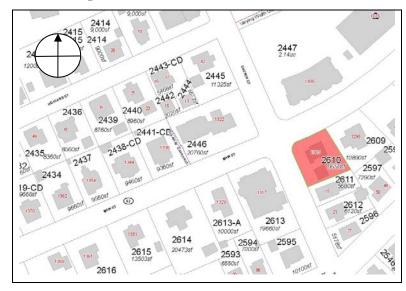
FORM B – BUILDING

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Town/City: Concord

Place: (neighborhood or village):

West Concord

Address: 1305 Main St.

Historic Name: Benjamin F. and Phebe Russell

Uses: Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1900

Source: Historic Maps

Style/Form: Dutch Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Field Stone

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A late twentieth century, one-story, two-car garage is located to the south of the residence - 1985

Major Alterations (with dates):

Condition: Good

Moved: no \boxtimes ves \square Date:

Acreage: .220 Acres

Setting: Located on a corner lot in a residential

area located along Main Street to the west of the village of Concord Junction, the business center of West Concord. The lot features foundation plantings and

mature trees.

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CONCORD

1305 MAIN STREET

Area(s) Form No.

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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 Benjamin Russell House at 1305 Main Street (CON.1506) is a one-and-one-half story wood-frame Dutch Colonial Revival. The three-by-three bay building faces north on the south side of Main Street and is set back approximately fifteen feet from the road on a level lot. The building adopts a rectangular plan on a field stone foundation. Typical of the Dutch Colonial Revival style, the house is capped by a side gable gambrel roof with a projecting front gable gambrel at the east end. All of the roof planes are sheathed with asphalt shingles. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the roof near the ridge. Two shed roof dormers are located on the north roof plane to the west of the gable. Each dormer features a 6/2 double-hung wood sash set within a simple wood surround. A single 6/2 wood sash window is centered in the front gable as well. The residence is clad with wood shingles. A wood water-table separates the wood shingles from the foundation. Access is provided by a centrally located entry which is located to the west of the projecting gable. The opening is protected by a one-story, one-bay hipped roof porch. A paneled wood post at the northwest corner and engaged paneled pilasters support the roof. The six-panel wood door entry is flanked by eight-light sidelights. A paired 6/2 double-hung wood sash window is located to the west of the entry and a one-story bay window is located to the east. The openings are highlighted by simple wood surrounds. 1305 Main Street is a well-preserved one-and-one-half story Dutch Colonial Revival residence constructed in Concord during the early twentieth 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. 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."

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.

The Benjamin Russell House at 1305 Main Street (CON.1506) appears to have been constructed ca 1900 for Benjamin F. Russell (b 1830) and his wife Phebe (b 1833), based on historic map research. The current footprint of the building is shown on the 1906 map and the 1927 Sanborn Map. The Russells continued to reside on Main Street in 1910. Benjamin had worked as an officer at the State Reformatory in Concord. During the 1920s, the property was under the ownership of Gardner W. Russell, grandson of Benjamin and Phebe. Gardner was born in 1899, the son of George G. and Susan A. Russel. Gardner continued to maintain ownership of Main Street for much of the twentieth century. In 1980, the property was purchased by Dana and Kathleen Booth.³ The current owner, Jane Portanova, purchased the property in 1992.⁴

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

² Ibid.

³ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 13921 Page 538.

⁴ Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 22260 Page 136.

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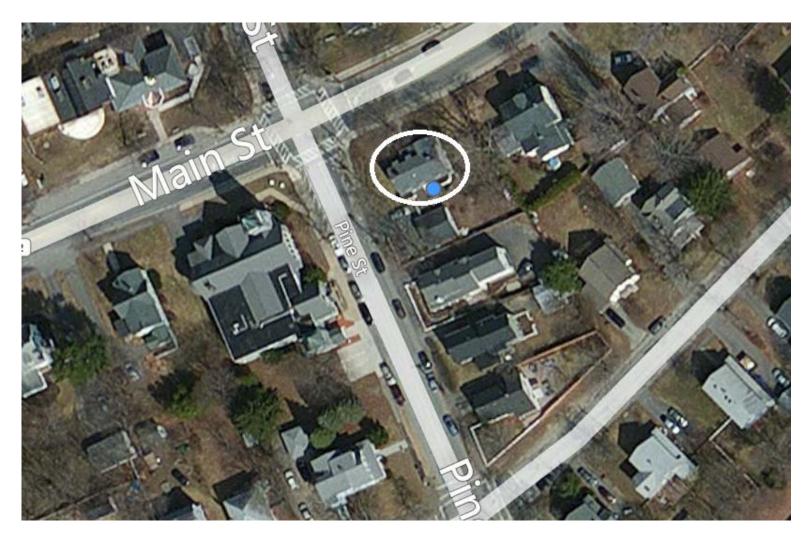
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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

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

1305 Main Street is a well-preserved one-and-one-half story Dutch Colonial Revival residence constructed in Concord during the early twentieth century. 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