

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.437
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Concord District Schoolhouse #6
<b>Common Name:</b>	Bateman's Pond Schoolhouse
<b>Address:</b>	1453 Lowell Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Bateman's Pond; North Quarter
<b>Local No:</b>	F3-1551
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1840
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Chapel; Private School; Public School; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Education; Religion
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.CJ: Bateman's Pond Area II
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Slate Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut



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Town

CONCORD

Address

1453 Lowell Road

Historic Name

District 6

Schoolhouse, "Bateman's Pond"

Present

dwelling

Original

school

Description

early-mid 19th C.

Style

maps, style

Style

vernac. Greek Revival

Architect

unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric

clapboard

Outbuildings

none

Major Alterations (with dates)

porch across front--20th C.

Condition

good

Moved

no

Date

N/A

Acreage

less than one acre

Setting

At fork in road in

rural area of 18th-20th-century farms

and houses; opposite Middlesex School

property.

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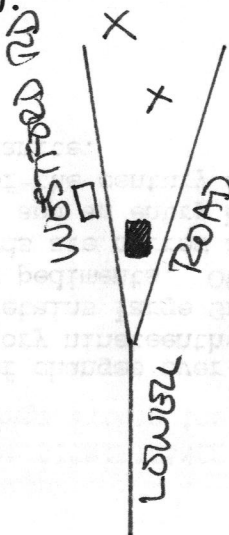
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Date

July, 1990

in relation to nearest cross streets and/or  
geographical features. Indicate all buildings  
between inventoried property and nearest  
intersection(s).  
Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE Parcel F3-1551

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

In spite of changes over the years, this little building is still a charming example of a 1 1/2-story nineteenth-century gable-end schoolhouse. Three bays wide by four bays long, it retains large Greek Revival 6-over-6-sash windows with flat surrounds crowned by shallow pediments. Other trim is extremely subdued--the eaves are unboxed, the cornerboards are narrow and unadorned. One pitch-roofed dormer pierces the roof on the west side, and an entry bay is located at the east rear corner. The present door is of the turn-of-the-century glass-and-panel variety. The roof is slate; the foundation is dressed granite.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Although converted to a dwelling, #1453 Westford Road is important as a rare surviving nineteenth-century schoolhouse. For most of the 1800's, until the district system was phased out toward the end of the century, this was District School #6, "Bateman's Pond." Reduced to an enrollment of six children in the fall of 1886, it shut its doors in 1887, the last of the district schools to close. With the elimination of the district schools, all pupils were concentrated in three graded schools overseen by the town, the High School, Emerson, and West Concord.

The Bateman's Pond school district was one of the most remote from Concord center. Situated at the fork of the old Groton Road, (later Lowell Road) and the road that led toward Acton, through the western corner of Carlisle, (now Westford Road,) this tiny building served the whole northwest section of town.

For some years after their closing, both the Bateman's Pond and the Westvale schools were used as chapels. Here Willard White, owner of the impressive stock farm nearby, led the Sunday services. The property was later part of the Middlesex School, which acquired it in 1900 along with its purchase of the 224-acre stock farm. In 1901, the first Middlesex classes were held in this building while new facilities were being completed.

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