

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.431
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Blood - Mason House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	1586 Monument St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	North Quarter
<b>Local No:</b>	I3-1380
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1805
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Federal
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.CD: Monument Street Area IV
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wood Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut; Stone, Uncut



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FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

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Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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North Quarter

1586 Monument Street

Blood/Mason House

ic Name

dwelling

Present

dwelling

Original

ca. 1800-1810

Construction

visual assessment

Federal

orm

unknown

ct/Builder

Exterior Material:

fieldstone

Foundation

and granite

wood clapboard

Wall/Trim

wood and asphalt

Roof

shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

shingled shop/outbuilding--19th C.  
modern garage/stable

Major Alterations (with dates)

early 20th C. sleeping porch on  
north end; wraparound porch

Condition

good

Moved

☒

no

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yes

Date

N/A

Acreage

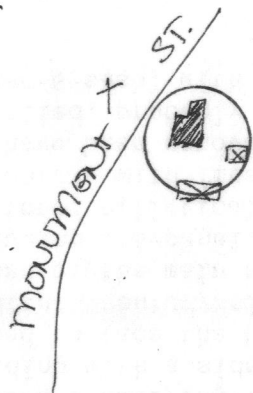
7.34 acres

Setting

Opposite line of mid-20th-century  
houses. Stone retaining wall along  
road, stone terracing at lower front.  
Circular drive, open fields behind.

Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.



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Organization

June, 1992

Date (month/day/year)

CON-431

## BUILDING FORM

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

One of the most handsome, and certainly the most well-preserved, of the farmhouses on Monument Street near the Carlisle line, #1586 is typical of the turn of the nineteenth century, when stylish Federal details were beginning to appear even on Concord's outlying farmhouses. It is a 2 1/2-story, five-bay, one-room-deep building with a side ell that connects to a later nineteenth-century gable-end barn, turned to face the house. A two-story wing extends to the rear, and an early-twentieth-century sleeping porch, now glassed in, projects from the northeast rear corner of the main house. The building retains much of its Federal detail, including a 6-panel entry with 2/3-length divided sidelights and a louvered and keystone-elliptical fanlight. Paneled pilasters with molded caps and bases flank the entry, with flushboard spandrels above. There is no entablature, however; it may have been removed at the time the Tuscan-columned wraparound porch was installed, probably just after the turn of the twentieth century. The windows are 6-over-6-sash, with unusual heavy molded crowns that are wider than the frames.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*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.*

This house is highly significant as the only surviving residence of members of the Blood family, which once owned all the farms north of the Lawrence Farm, and much of today's Carlisle. Just beyond this area was the large tract of land owned as early as 1642 by Robert and John Blood. Called Blood's Farms, (Monument Street was laid out in 1686 as "the way to Blood's Farm") for many years it was not part of any town. From 1682 through the end of the eighteenth century, when it finally became a large part of the town of Carlisle, Blood's Farms and some of the farms here below the border were the subject of much disagreement in regard to paying local taxes, the difficulty of traveling to church at the center, etc. As late as the end of the nineteenth century, in fact, the Carlisle border in this area was highly irregular. The town boundary was finally simplified to the current east-west line, with the river at the east, in 1903-04. (Cont.)

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps, atlases: 1830, 1852, 1856, 1875, 1889, 1906.  
Keyes/Tolman. "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's.  
Town Directories and tax lists.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*



## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORDBlood/Mason House

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

Further research will be required to trace the earliest history of this house. It belonged to **John F. Blood** and may date to ca. 1800-1810. Some time between 1856 and 1875 the property was acquired by **Marshall Mason** (Keyes calls him a son of John Blood). He was a stone mason with a specialty in building stone walls or "fences", and considered one of the best in town at his job. For J.S. Keyes, using a team of horses and two men, he once laid 16 rods of 4-foot "light balance wall" in a single day. Except for an adjustment in the south boundary line, this property, in fact, is the only one in the area still completely encircled with stone walls.



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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

Anne McCarthy Forbes

Statement of Significance by \_\_\_\_\_  
*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

This house meets the criteria for individual listing on the National Register for its association with the Blood family, prominent farmers of the North Quarter (Criterion A.) As a well-preserved example of an outlying Federal period farmhouse, it also meets Criterion C. It possesses integrity of design, location, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.