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Inventory No:	CON.469
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	Damon Mill Worker Housing
Address:	1611 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	234
Year Constructed:	r 1865
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Second Empire
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House; Workers Housing
Significance:	Architecture; Industry
Area(s):	CON.D: Westvale
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wood Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard



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FORM B - BUILDING

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FORM NO.

234
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West Concord

Address 1611 Main St.

Historic Name

Present Residential

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION

1860's

Source Maps

Style Second Empire (Mansard)

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric Wood clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates)

Late 19th-century 2-story ell, rear.

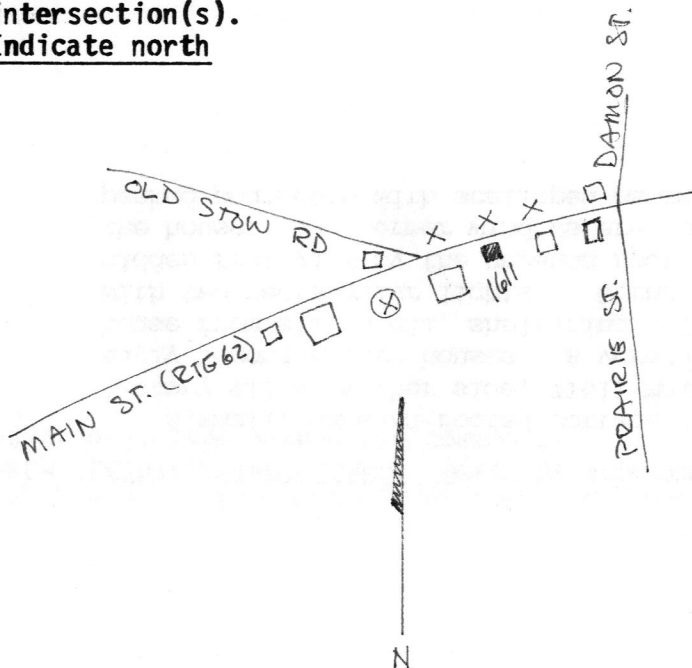
Condition good

Moved Date

Acreage 26,421 sq. ft.

Setting Situated on a hill above the Assabet River, along a main street lined with high-style and middle-class houses of varying nineteenth-century date; some infill of mid-late 20th century Cape Cod and ranch houses.

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).
Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

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Organization for Concord Hist. Comm.

Date 2/15/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

A small, mansard-roofed cottage of a square, 1 1/2-story design with a shallow, 1-story ell at either side, #1611 Main St. is the best-preserved of West Concord's few early Second Empire houses. A veranda with square, chamfered posts wraps around the house from ell to ell, sheltering a 3-over-3-sashed bay window, and paneled entry door with two rectangular lights. Corner brackets at the eaves of the main house, now nearly hidden from view by the veranda roof, indicate that the veranda may not be original to the house. Two dormer windows are located on each side of the house, crowned by shallow peaked pediments with scalloped bases.

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

A stylish cottage of a type that was often used to house higher-paid mill employees during the 1860's, #1611 was built on Damon property after Edward Damon succeeded his father, Calvin, as manager of the Westvale mills, (probably after the company's 1864 restructuring as Damon and Smith Co.) This charming little Second Empire house, with its companion next door at #1623, the 1884 Ralph Damon house, (an example unique in West Concord of the Shingle Style,) illustrates the cosmopolitan attitude of the Damon family in its desire for the latest fashion in architecture during the second half of the nineteenth century. According to local tradition, #1611 was at one time the home of the accountant of the Westvale mills.

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