

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.470
Historic Name:	Damon, Ralph House
Common Name:	
Address:	1623 Main St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	233
Year Constructed:	1884
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Shingle Style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	CON.D: Westvale
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle



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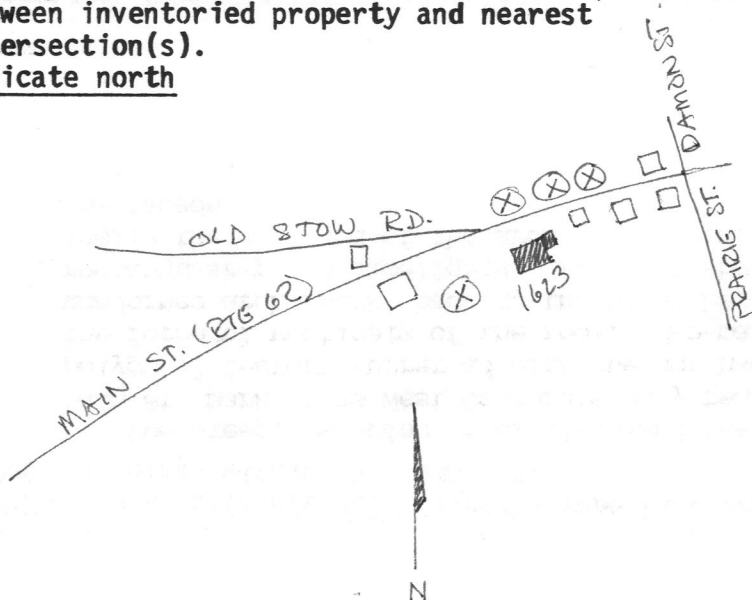
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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116



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



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FORM NO.

233
470

West Concord

Address 1623 Main St.

Historic Name Ralph Damon House

Present Residential

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION

1884

Notes Owner; diaries & memoirs

Shingle style

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric Wood shingle

Outbuildings _____

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Attached garage, e. end-1987

Condition good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage 38,416 sq. ft.

Setting Mixed residential area on major

street lined with single- and two-

family, wood-frame houses of early 19th

to late 20th-century date.

Recorded by A. Forbes

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.

The steep, sweeping, roof lines and the complex massing of ells and gables at #1623 Main St. mark it as West Concord's only real representative of the Shingle Style. A polygonal 2-story turret adjoins the northwest corner, and two high, hefty chimneys crown the forceful verticals of the roof. The main entry, which is recessed under a deep, unadorned arch, harks back to the Greek Revival style, in its 6-paneled door and rectangular-paned sidelights. At right angles to it, a second entry door is inserted inside the east end of the arch. A broken, flared skirt occurs at second story level on the facade.

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

#1623 Main St. was built for Ralph Damon and his wife at the time of their marriage in 1884. Ralph's father, Edward, of the Damon Manufacturing Co., gave the land; his father-in-law, J.W. Kennan, paid for the house. Ralph Damon was involved for most of the 1880's and '90's in the management of his father's company. In 1889, the company was reorganized with Ralph as president; with his father's health failing, Ralph oversaw the business through its final years, until its closing in 1898.

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