

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.432
Historic Name:	Conant, Silas - Conant, Andrew House
Common Name:	
Address:	1722 Monument St
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	North Quarter
Local No:	I2-1384-4
Year Constructed:	r 1825
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Federal; Greek Revival
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	CON.CD: Monument Street Area IV
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut; Stone, Uncut



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FORM B - BUILDING

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Assessor's number

12-1384-4

USGS Quad

BILLERICA

Area(s)

CD

Form Number

432

Town CONCORD

Neighborhood or village

North Quarter

1722
1732 Monument Street

Name Silas Conant House

Andrew Conant House
dwelling

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Construction parts ca. 1820's

Keys

Form updated Federal/
Greek Revival

Builder unknown

Material:

Foundation dressed granite

Wall/Trim wood shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

shed; early-20th C. barn/cottage with
flared gambrel pressed-metal roof

Major Alterations (with dates) Late 19th-

early 20th C. update incl. rear extension,
east side wing, porches.

Condition fair

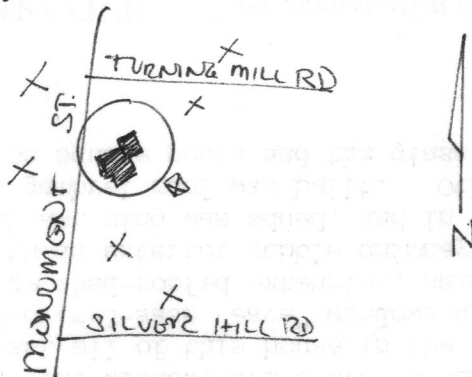
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage 90, 150 sq. ft.

Setting Faces south, side to street, behind
stone wall and line of evergreens.
Circular drive in front leading to barn.
New side road to north.

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.



A. Forbes

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for Concord Hist. Commission

Organization June, 1992

Date (month/day/year)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

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

Like many of Concord's farmhouses, this building dates to a variety of periods, but retains its essential character as a rambling outlying farmhouse, complete with two outbuildings, in spite of the modern development still being constructed on much of the old farm. The main section of the house is a 2 1/2-story four-bay structure. Its date is uncertain, but its granite foundation would indicate that it was built prior to 1875. The windows are 6-over-6-sash, with molded surrounds. According to Wheeler, the east ell of this house is the earliest part, possibly built in the 1820's. Its 3-over-3-sash "eave" windows are unusual in Concord. Behind the main house is a large shed-roofed extension, said to have been added in 1887, on a rubble foundation, with an exterior rubble chimney. Early in this century the large two-story northeast wing was added, and in the 1930's the large shingled barn with pressed-metal, gambrel roof was built. Other early-twentieth-century changes include the entry porches on square posts and the glass-and-panel main entry door.

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.

The early section of this building is believed to be the house built for Silas Conant, probably in the 1820's. He was the great-grandson of Lot Conant, who had come to Concord early in the eighteenth century. Silas Conant was a farmer, as was his son, Andrew Conant, who inherited the property after Silas' widow died. He operated a thriving farm here through the turn of the twentieth century. In 1906 the property was bought by Alvin D. Puffer, a soda-fountain manufacturer (A.D. Puffer & Sons). There is evidence that one outbuilding on the property was used as a machine shop in the soda fountain business; to this day the Puffer family still run a repair shop for old soda fountains in Boston. Several Puffer family members apparently lived here, with Willis R. Puffer operating the farm as a "gentleman's farm" until the depression, after which it was operated for profit. Part of the house was used for boarders or wayfarers enroute from Ayer to Concord; there is even evidence of a billiard room in the east wing. The property continued under Puffer family ownership until the middle of this century. In recent years the old farm, which stretched east to the river, has been subdivided for the Turning Mill/Silver Hill Road development.

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.
Wheeler House File #Mo 23.
Interview with owner, 1992.

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