

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.AG
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Concord Home School
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Other Residential; Private School
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture; Community Planning; Education
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	



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80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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CONCORD

AG

399-400; 684-688



CONCORD

Neighborhood or village)

Concord center

Area Concord Home School

Use residential

Construction Dates or Period 17th and 18th

Condition 18th centuries; 1890's

good

Intrusions and Alterations

modern houses interspersed

Acreage ca. 12 acres

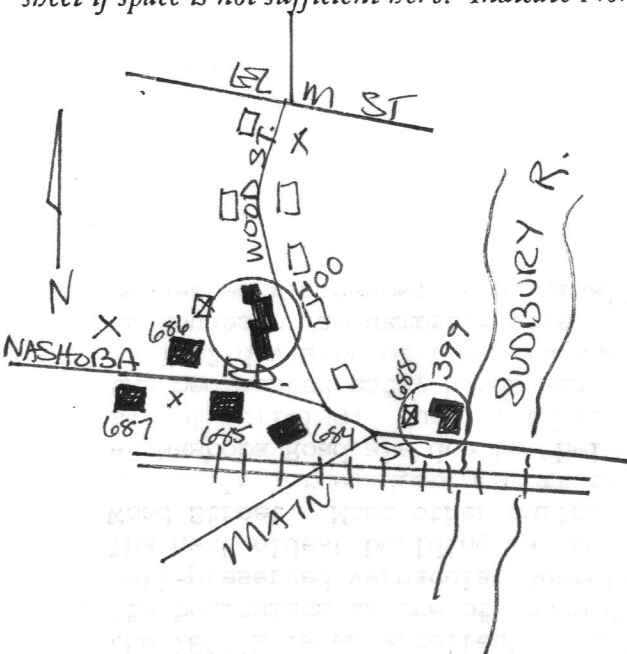
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Date (month/day/year) June, 1992

## 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.



## AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural, structural and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.*

The small residential area that comprised the campus of the Concord Home School in the 1890's is an excellent illustration of the evolution of a small school complex. Its beginnings as one of Concord's earliest riverfront farms is evident in the well-preserved vernacular Georgian Ephraim Wood House of 1763 at 41 Wood Street. The next oldest building may be the long, very simple 2-story gable-end house at 11 Wood Street. Most other buildings here can be dated to the early 1890's. The unusually large, deep proportions of the five-bay, 2 1/2-story houses at 27 and 42 Nashoba Road are due to their origins as the two halves of an 86 1/2 x 42-foot school building. Much of their characteristic Colonial Revival detail, including the pedimented entry hoods and side porches on heavy Tuscan columns, dates to the 1911-12 division of the structure into two buildings and their associated conversion to houses. The gambrel-roofed, Shingle-Style house at 51 Nashoba Road is another converted residence; it originally served as the school gymnasium. (Cont.)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Explain historical development of the area. Discuss how this area relates to the historical development of the community.*

The land at the intersection of Wood Street and Nashoba Road was for two centuries part of the farm belonging first to the Buss, then to the Wood family and their descendants. The pre-Revolutionary Ephraim Wood House at 41 Wood Street remains the focal point of the area today. The development of the present residential area, however, began in 1891, when James S. Garland, a lawyer from Minneapolis (one source says he came from St. Louis,) a friend and Harvard classmate of Dr. Edward Emerson, bought the old Wood farmstead, with 75 acres on the west side of the Sudbury River, for the establishment of a secondary school for boys. Called the Concord Home School, it opened in 1891 in the Wood farmhouse. Later that year a large \$25,000 classroom, dormitory and dining building was built on the south side of a private drive that later became the lower section of Nashoba Road, and the school boathouse was erected on the bank of the river. A gymnasium was built, and what was apparently an existing stable was later converted to a laboratory. A tennis court was built on the north side of the drive. Information as to the construction date of the employees' quarters and laundry in the house at #11 Wood Street is a bit less clear; it was evidently built at the same time as the other school buildings. The architectural firm for most or all of the new construction was Peabody & Stearns of Boston, who were to return to Concord ten years later with their design of the another school campus, at the Middlesex School on Lowell Road. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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- Savage, John. "Plan of Nashoba Park and other land of the Concord School Co., Concord, Mass.," 1906.
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- Concord Pamphlets #52, items 7-10: Concord Home School.
- Keyes/Tolman. (Cont.)

- ☐ Recommended as a National Register District. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORDConcord Home  
School

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.  
A-G 399-400  
684-688

## ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

Three utilitarian buildings also stand as reminders of the area's former functions. The little Shingle-Style school boathouse of ca. 1891-2 still serves its original use today as the South Bridge Boathouse (496 Main Street). Its board-and-batten siding and overhanging gable-ends with heavy shingled arches and diamond, multi-paned windows are unique in Concord. A later companion storage house, built some time in the early part of this century, is a small gable-end shingled building, and also contributes to the overall character of the area. (502 Main Street.) Even the very deteriorated board-and-batten, gambrel-roofed stable behind #42 Nashoba Road, which once served as a laboratory for the school, and was later moved from the south to the north side of the street, lends a sense of history to the area.

## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

From 1891-1897 Mr. Garland appears to have been the actual owner of the property. He served as headmaster for about thirty boys, and lived with his family in the Wood farmhouse. In 1897 the ownership changed to the Concord School Company, and the school was incorporated under a new name, the Concord School. James Garland retired in 1900, and was replaced as headmaster by Thomas H. Eckfeldt. In 1907 Mr. Eckfeldt left to start a new school, the St. Andrews School for Boys, in the former William Hunt House on the east side of Monument Street. Leon Ryther became the next headmaster, but the school appears to have closed in 1910 or 1911.

In about 1905 the school apparently sold off about 40 acres of land west of the main campus for development into house lots. (The Concord School Co. may, however, have retained some financial interest in the new residential subdivision, called Nashoba Park--see Area Form, "Nashoba Park.") After the school closed, the campus itself, including what is now the lower section of Nashoba Road, was purchased by developer Richard Wilson and others for an expansion of Nashoba Park. Several house lots were laid out here, the farmhouse at #41 and the employees' quarters at #11 Wood Street were sold, and the other school buildings were moved and/or converted to residences. The main 1891 classroom/dormitory building was split in half to become two houses--27 and 42 Nashoba Road. The stable that had formerly stood behind the classroom building next to the railroad was moved across Nashoba Road to become the barn behind #42. The gymnasium was turned 90 degrees and converted to the house at 51 Nashoba Road.

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## AREA DATA SHEET

(Asterisk indicates property is covered on an individual form)

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	name	approx. date	condition
* <del>399</del> F9-3952-1	496 Main Street -	Concord Home School boathouse Small Q. Anne/Shingle boathouse. with shingled upper sections.	1891-2 Board and batten,	fair
* <del>688</del> F9-3952-1	502 Main Street -	garage/storage building Utilitarian shingled gable-end storage building. Wood shingle; concrete block foundation.	early 20th C.	fair
<del>685</del> F9-3865	27 Nashoba Road -	Concord Home School building Large Colonial Revival 2 1/2-story house, con- verted from school building. Clapboard; parged foundation.	1891	good
<del>686</del> F9-3942	42 Nashoba Road -	Concord Home School building Large Colonial Revival 2 1/2-story house, con- verted from school building. Clapboard; rubble foundation.	1891	good
<del>687</del> F9-3866	51 Nashoba Road -	Concord Home School gymnasium Shingle Style, gambrel-roofed house, con- verted from gymnasium. Wood shingle;.	1891-2	good
<del>684</del> F9-3863	11 Wood Street -	Concord Home School laundry/em- ployees' quarters Long 2-story vernacular gable-end cottage; Clapboard; brick foundation. 2-story modern addition.	late-19th C.	fair
* <del>400</del> F9-3943	41 Wood Street -	Ephraim Wood House large Georgian vernacular 2 1/2-story house with side wings. Clapboard; fieldstone foundation.	1763	excellent

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SECTION - B

685 - 27 NASHOBA RD

686 - 42 NASHOBA RD

687 - 51 NASHOBA RD

684 - 11 WOOD ST (ALSO AREA DU- LHD- 6/12/62)



27 Nashoba Road (CON. 685)



51 Nashoba Road (CON. 687)



42 Nashoba Road (CON. 686)