

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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**Inventory No:** CON.AK  
**Historic Name:** Main Street Area III  
**Common Name:**  
**Address:**  
**City/Town:** Concord  
**Village/Neighborhood:**  
**Local No:**  
**Year Constructed:**  
**Architect(s):**  
**Architectural Style(s):**  
**Use(s):** Single Family Dwelling House  
**Significance:** Architecture; Community Planning  
**Area(s):**  
**Designation(s):**  
**Building Materials(s):**



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CONCORD

neighborhood or village) \_\_\_\_\_

Area \_\_\_\_\_ Main Street: 696-858

Use \_\_\_\_\_ residential; municipal;  
\_\_\_\_\_ professional

Construction Dates or Period \_\_\_\_\_ ca. 1901-  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1930's

Condition \_\_\_\_\_ fair

Major Intrusions and Alterations \_\_\_\_\_ modern  
houses interspersed on north side,  
office buildings on south

844, 858 Main Street  
(CON. 741, CON. 742)

Sketch Map

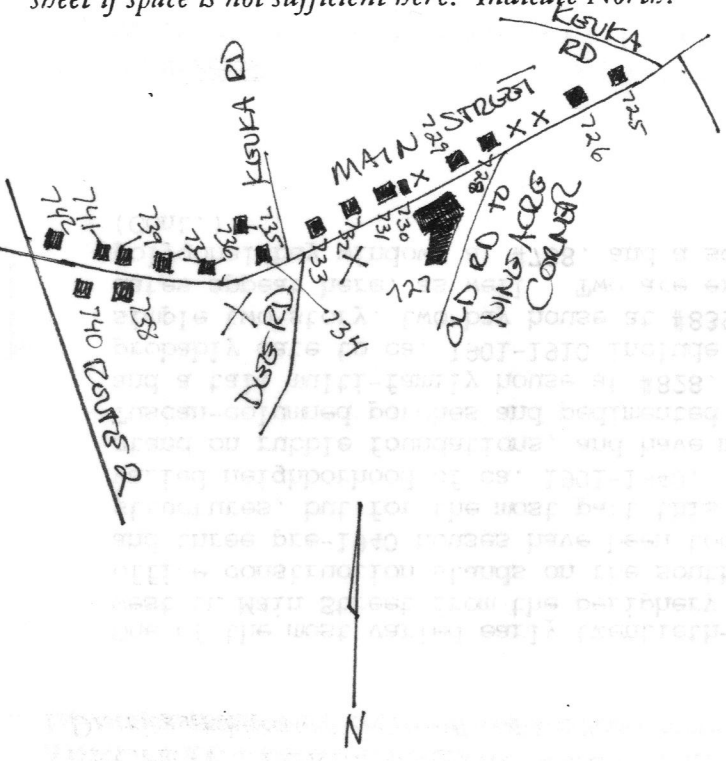
Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.

Acreage \_\_\_\_\_ ca. 9 acres

Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_ A. Forbes

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ for Concord Histor. Comm.

Date (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_ June, 1992



AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION  see continuation sheet

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

One of the most varied early-twentieth-century streetscapes in Concord stretches west on Main Street from the periphery of the town center to Route 2. Some modern office construction stands on the south side, a few modern houses are interspersed and three pre-1940 houses have been too altered to qualify as contributing structures, but for the most part this area retains its character as a modest, varied neighborhood of ca. 1901-1940. The earliest of the eighteen houses here stand on rubble foundations, and have modest Colonial Revival features such as Tuscan-columned porches and pedimented gables. Two buildings, a cottage at #844 and a tall multi-family house at #828, have gambrel roofs. Other buildings which probably date to ca. 1901-1910 include a small American Four-Square at #820, and a simple two-story, two-bay house at #839. Several bungalows of varying types and dates appear here, as well. Two are extremely well-preserved--a long gable-end with polygonal bay windows at #788, and a square, hip-roofed bungalow at #831.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE  see continuation sheet

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

This section of Main Street began to be built up with houses about 1901-2, when the Concord, Maynard, & Hudson Street Railway extended trolley service along Main Street from Concord center through West Concord. Houses here were apparently built one at a time, either on speculation or by their owners, and the neighborhood gradually took shape over the course of the first quarter of the early twentieth century.

Further research should reveal the early owners of most of these houses, many of whom undoubtedly rode the streetcar to work.

In 1934, after Town Meeting voted to discontinue electric power generation at the Municipal Light Plant, and to buy electric power from the Edison Company, Edison (later Boston Edison) constructed its generating station on the southeast corner of Main and Old Road to Nine Acre Corner.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES  see continuation sheet

- Town assessor's records.
- Scudder.
- Cummings, O.R. Concord, Maynard, & Hudson Street Railway. 1967.

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

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORD

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION, cont.

Later houses in the group include two stucco buildings--a square, hip-roofed house at #696, and a double-house with shingled gables at #770/772. Among the later houses here are a Dutch Colonial Revival of ca. 1931 at #644, a ca. 1933 Cape Cod cottage at #754, and a 1-story brick L-plan house of ca. 1940 at #734.

This area includes one of Concord's most unusual buildings, the Edison Light Plant, built in 1934 on the south side of the street. It is a flat-roofed, largely utilitarian brick building, but its facade is embellished with Federal Revival elements reminiscent of the 1899 Federal Revival Concord Power Station on Keyes Road. Here there are three tall keystone arches--two blind, and the center one containing a paneled, studded door with pebble-glass fanlight. Heavy concrete quoining further articulates the facade, and each of the two quoined the corners still retains a concrete ball finial.

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MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	description	date	condition
725 F9-3852	696 Main Street	- Colonial Revival/Craftsman 2-story, hip-roofed stucco house	ca. 1910	good
726 F9-3848	712 Main Street	- vernacular shingled, gambrel- roofed house	ca. 1910	fair
727 F10-3977	<sup>720</sup> Main Street	- Edison Light Plant Federal Revival brick generating plant	1934	good
728 F9-3846-2	744 Main Street	- Dutch Colonial Revival synthetic siding	ca. 1931	fair
729 F9-3844	754 Main Street	- Cape Cod Cottage wood shakes	ca. 1933	good
730 F9-3842-1	770/ <del>772</del> Main Street	- Colonial Revival 2 1/2-story stucco house with shingled, pedimented gables. Rubble and brick foundation	ca. 1910's	good
731 F9-3841	780 Main Street	- Colonial Revival vernacular 2 1/2-story clapboard gable-end with pedimented, shingled gable; rubble foundation	ca. 1910	fair
732 F9-3840	788 Main Street	- Colonial Revival bungalow long clapboard gable-end bungalow; pair of polygonal bay windows under a Tuscan-columned facade porch; rubble foundation	ca. 1901	good
733 F9-3834	800 Main Street	- Cape Cod Cottage	ca. 1930	fair
734 F9-3833	808 Main Street	- small gable-end Bungalow Wood shakes	ca. 1920	fair
735 F9-3832	812 Main Street	- Col. Revival vernacular gable-end Wood shakes, rubble foundation.	ca. 1901	fair

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736 F9-3831	820 Main Street	- small American Four-Square Clapboard and shingle	ca. 1905	fair
737 F9-3830	828 Main Street	- Colonial Revival tall 2 1/2-story cross-gambrel house with enclosed pedimented entry porch. Clapboard; rubble foundation	ca. 1905	fair
738 F10-3980	831 Main Street	- hip-roofed Craftsman Bungalow Shingle; rubble foundation	ca. 1915	excellent
739 E9-3829	838 Main Street	- 2-story vernacular Col. Revival gable-end. Stucco and clapboard	ca. 1905	good
740 E9-3981	839 Main Street	- Colonial Revival vernacular 2-story, 2-bay house with screened front porch. Clapboard; rubble foundation	ca. 1905	good
741 E9-3828	844 Main Street	- Colonial Revival vernacular 2-story gambrel-roofed house with facade porch. Clapboard; rubble foundation.	ca. 1905	fair
742 E9-3826	858 (856) Main Street	- Colonial Revival vernacular 2-story cross-gabled cottage with Tuscan-columned porch. Clapboard; rubble foundation.	ca. 1901	excellent



696 Main Street (CON. 725)



720 Main Street - Edison Light Plant  
(CON. 727)



712, 724 Main Street  
(CON. 726)



744- 760 Main Street



770, 780 Main Street (CON. 730, CON. 731)



808 Main Street (CON. 734)



788 Main Street (CON. 732)



812-828 Main Street





828 Main Street → East (CON. 737)



844 Main Street → East (CON. 741)



839, 831 Main Street (CON. 740, CON. 738)



858 Main Street (CON. 742)