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Inventory No:	CON.AN
Historic Name:	Potter Streetscape
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Hubbardville
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Residential District
Significance:	Architecture; Community Planning
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	



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FORM G - STREETSCAPE

AREA

FORM NO.

AN	747, 750, 752, 753
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town

CONCORD

RECEIVED

Name Potter StreetAddresses (inclusive) 15, 35, 55, 61

Description

Date or Period ca. 1900Dominant Architectural Styles vernacular Italianate

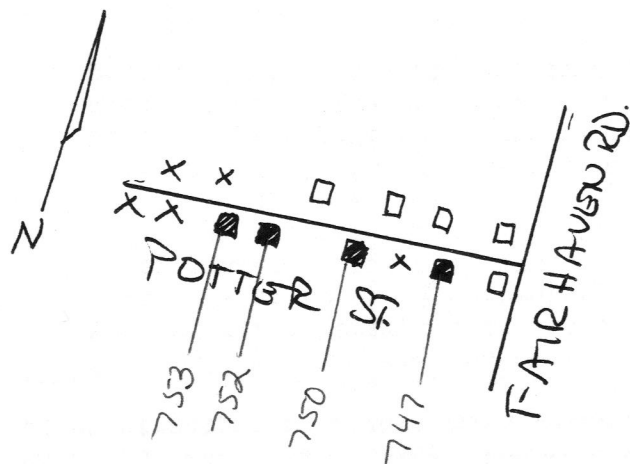
Intrusions

modern house, #27Notes see p. 2

61, 55 Potter Street (CON. 753, CON. 752) Acreage

less than one acre

Sketch Map: Draw map of street, clearly
showing all buildings; indicate street
addresses for all buildings; identify
intrusions.
Indicate north.



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

Recorded by

A. Forbes

Organization

research by Ann Chapman
for Concord Hist. Comm.

Date

July, 1990

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other streetscapes within the community.

Four buildings on the southwest side of Potter Street at #s 15, 35, 55, and 61 are well-preserved examples of the side-hall-entry, gable-end form that, even in the face of a variety of turn-of-the-century forms, still prevailed in Concord at that time. (Two other houses of the same type, now more altered, were built across the street at #s 20 and 40.) All are tall 2 1/2-story buildings, three bays wide, and have the brick foundations and simple, narrow trim boards typical of the vernacular Italianate influence. All but #15 have short cross-gabled wings. #35 has a typically Italianate door canopy supported by ornate brackets. #s 55 and 61 appear to have been built as mirror images of each other, and have hip-roofed entry porches on bracketed square posts. Both have 1-story rear ells.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain historical importance of streetscape and how the streetscape relates to the development of the community.

Potter Street is significant as an illustration of one way short side streets were created late in the nineteenth century. It was officially laid out in 1889, but followed the line of a cart path that had existed for at least several years. Houses were not built immediately, however. No buildings are shown here on the 1893 map; three appear to have been built by 1896, and three more by 1906. Further research will be necessary to determine the owners of each of these houses. Significantly, however, nearly all listed in directories from 1896 through 1906 were of Irish descent.

According to local tradition, at least some of the houses here, including #s 55 and 61, contain boards reused from the dance hall that had stood on the banks of Walden Pond in the latter part of the nineteenth century, and was torn down ca. 1903.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

CONCORD

Form No:

AN: 747,
750, 752, 753

Property Name: POTTER STREET

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

MHC#

Wall fabric, alterations, and outbuildings

Map/parcel #

- 747 15 Potter Street - clapboard. Screened porch, NW side; some windows
G11-420 replaced. Colonial Revival entry porch on Tuscan columns.
- 750 35 Potter Street - clapboard. Windows replaced; exterior chimney added.
G11-421-1
- 752 55 Potter Street - clapboard. Some windows replaced. 2-car garage.
G11-423
- 753 61 Potter Street - asbestos. Some porch replacement.
G11-424



15 Potter Street
(CON. 747)

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