

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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



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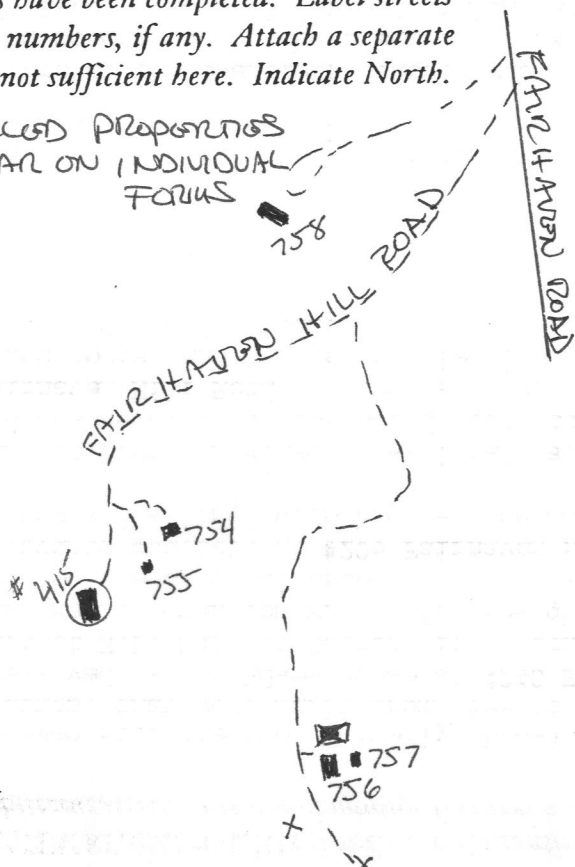
Dates or Period ca. 1899-1910ition fair to excellentons and Alterations five modernhouses on the hill (not visible from road.)Acreage ca. 70 acresRecorded by A. Forbes
research by Ann and Dick Ferraro
Organization for Concord Histor. Comm.Date (month/day/year) June, 1992

Sketch Map

254 Fairhaven Rd

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.

NOTE: CIRCLED PROPERTIES
APPEAR ON INDIVIDUAL
FORMS



Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

AREA FORM

CON.AO

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

On Fairhaven Hill are two (formerly three) large country houses, with associated outbuildings, that were built from 1899 to 1909. The largest and most well-preserved is the Adams House at #240 Fairhaven Hill Road. Designed in 1899 by architect H.D. Hale of Boston, it is Concord's only example of a stuccoed, Classical Revival mansion with a full-height tetrastyle portico. Two other buildings on the original property remain as well, in altered form--the two-story brick servants quarters at #205 Fairhaven Hill Road, and a stuccoed, gable-roofed stable (now a dwelling) with high end chimneys, at #215.

Although the Thompson House at #281 Fairhaven Hill Road is gone, three of its outbuildings remain: a hip-roofed brick carriage house, converted to a dwelling at #229 Fairhaven Hill Road, a five-bay shed-roofed wagon house with vertical-board siding and doors, and a rare shingled ice house, possibly the only one of its kind remaining in Concord. (Cont.)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

By the turn of the twentieth century much of the scenic land along Concord's rivers was being bought up for the creation of large country estates and "gentlemen's farms." Large tracts of former farmland and woodlots on Fairhaven Hill, which has some of the most beautiful vistas in town, (one looks west all the way to Mount Wachusett,) were acquired for both purposes. The first residence here was the home of Charles Francis Adams, III, built in 1899 at today's #240 Fairhaven Hill Road, of which the house, servants quarters, and stable still exist. Later Secretary of the Navy under President Hoover, he was the grandson of the Charles Francis Adams who was ambassador to the Court of St. James's during the Civil War, and nephew of banker and Union Pacific Railroad President Charles Francis Adams II of Lincoln, who had acquired much of the land on the hill in the mid-1890's. According to Richardson, this was one of the first two large country residences in town "not for farming," (the other was the house built by the Misses Williams at 900 Tanglewood Drive, in that same year.)

In about 1909 investment banker Henry Thompson established a large "gentleman's farm" at the top of the hill, where peaches, grapes, and other fruits were grown. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Town Directories and tax lists.

Keyes/Tolman.

Concord in the Days of Strawberries and Streetcars.

Concord Oral History Tapes.

Interviews with owners. 1992.

Interview with Richard O'Connor, Thoreau Society, July, 1992.

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORDFairhaven Hill

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

Although the Thompson house is gone, at the base of the north side of the hill, at #254 Fairhaven Road, is another brick Colonial Revival house, the Henry Brooks House of ca. 1910. In nearly original condition, this is a highly non-symmetrical rectangular building with three high chimneys and an off-center, vestibuled entry with a round-topped casement above it at the second story.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

The house, formerly #281 Fairhaven Hill Road, burned down in the winter of 1990-91, but the Thompson carriage house remains, converted to a residence as #229 Fairhaven Hill Road. In about 1907 Henry Brooks, formerly of West Medford, built his residence on what is still over thirty-five acres of land on the back of the hill, at #254 Fairhaven Road. Part of his land came from the Adams family, other sections were part of the former farm of Patrick Hagerty (see area form "Abbott Estate.")

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DATA SHEET

(Asterisk [*] indicates property is also included on an individual inventory form.)

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	name/description	date	condition
754 G12-4003	205 Fairhaven Hill Road	former Adams servants quarters Brick Colonial Revival 2-story, five-bay house with large exterior end chimneys.	ca. 1912	fair
755 G12-4004	215 Fairhaven Hill Road	former Adams stable Stucco, with high end chimneys; altered to modern dwelling	ca. 1899	fair
756 G12-4006-3	229 Fairhaven Hill Road	former Thompson carriage house 2-story, hip-roofed Colonial Revival 1941: converted to house for Mrs. Henry Thompson; central passage filled in with clapboard and brick additions.	1909-10	good
757 G12-4006-3	229 Fairhaven Hill Road	Thompson ice house Rare utilitarian shingled, gable- roofed ice house with narrow three-part end door.	1909-10	excellent
* 415 G12-4005-1	240 Fairhaven Hill Road	Charles Francis Adams House Classical Revival stucco house with balustraded roof, colossal Ionic tetrastyle portico overlooking river.	1899	excellent
758 G12-4001	254 Fairhaven Road	Henry Brooks House Colonial Revival brick house. Brick and fieldstone foundation.	ca. 1909-10	excellent

MHC INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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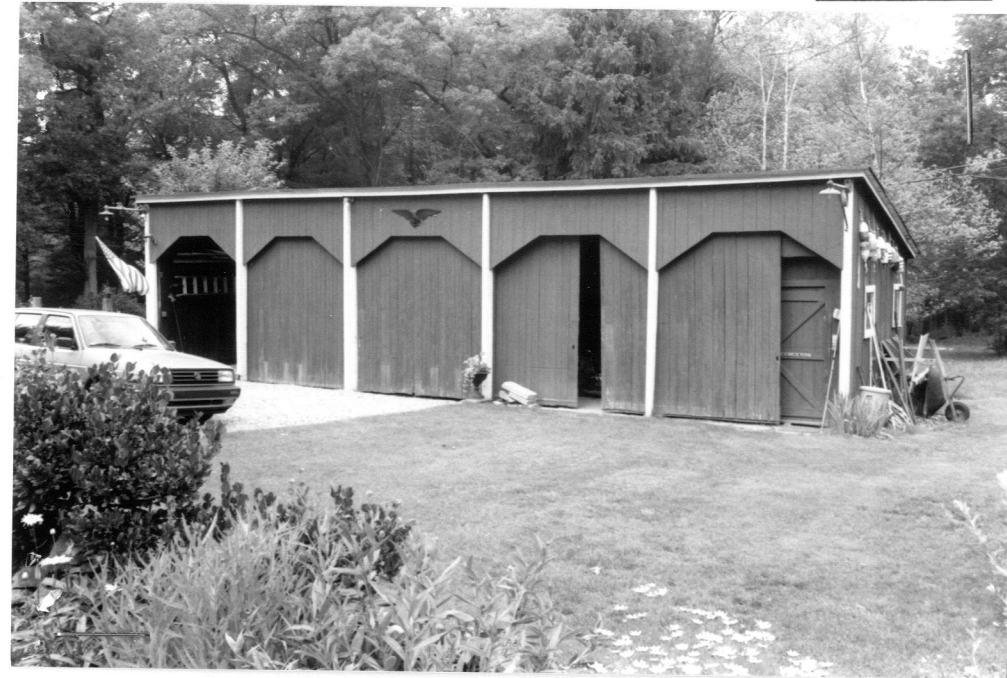
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758 - 254 FAIRHAVEN RD



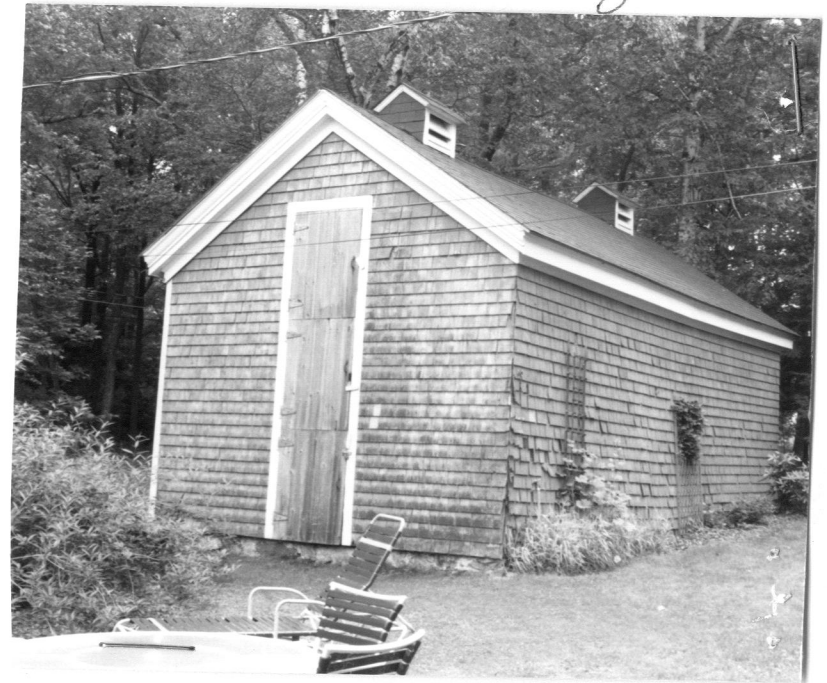
205 Fairhaven Hill Road (CON. 754)



229 Fairhaven Hill Road: Wagon House



229 Fairhaven Hill Road (CON. 756)



229 Fairhaven Hill Road: Ice House
(CON. 757)