

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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



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Town

CONCORD

Neighborhood or village)

Concord center

Area

Thoreau Street:

298-369

Use

residential

Construction Dates or Period

ca. 1880-1930

Condition

good

Intrusions and Alterations

one modern house on east side

Sketch Map 345 Thoreau Street (CON. 793)

Acreage

ca. 5 acres

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.

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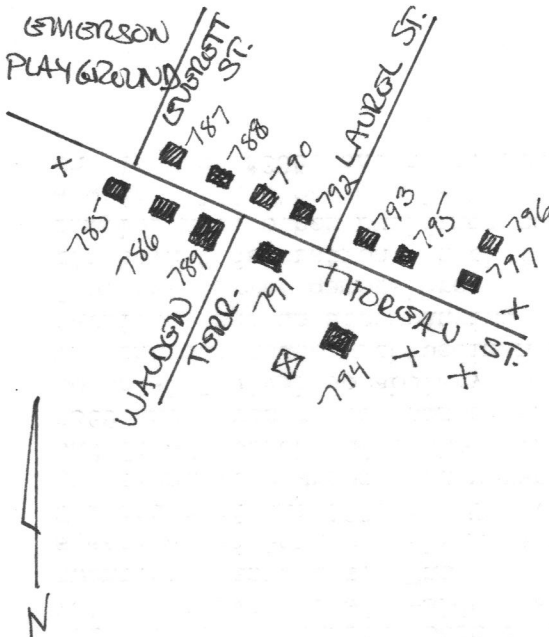
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Organization

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.

The section of Thoreau Street east of Everett Street is one of Concord's more well-preserved mixed residential neighborhoods of the late nineteenth- to early-twentieth centuries. The variety of modest houses here ranges from one ca. 1880 steep-gabled Gothic/Italianate farmhouse (#314 Thoreau) through a pair of Dutch Colonials of the 1920's. The vernacular Queen Anne is represented by a ca. 1890 gable-end with wraparound veranda at #298 and a ca. 1900 cottage with shed dormer and facade porch under the main roof at #333. Several other houses, including #369 and three gable-ends at #s 345, 353 and 367 show the application of the Colonial Revival vocabulary to earlier house forms. #352 is a larger, more pretentious house with pedimented gable-ends and dormers, a prominent facade pavilion, and an accompanying cupolaed carriage house. It is much changed, however, from its former gambrel-roofed form, and has lost its two-story veranda and flamboyant decoration, which included a carved segmental pavilion pediment. On a simpler note, other buildings contributing to the variety of the area are #304/306, a wide 1 1/2-story double-house with paired entries, a small American Four-Square of ca. 1918 at #305, and a ca. 1930 Cape Cod Cottage at #326.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

Partly as a result of the ongoing house construction in the vicinity of the new Hubbard Street, Thoreau Street was extended south to Walden Street from its former terminus at Sudbury Road in 1872/3. No houses were built on the new section for several years, however. As late as 1893 much of the land on the east side of the street was still part of the Everett, Foss, and Derby farms, which went through to Walden Street, as well as of the Town Poor Farm. A few small farms were also located on the west side, and the two earliest houses built here, #s 298 and 314, were farmhouses. #298, probably built in about 1890, belonged to James Toomey, who appears to have lived in part of the house with his son William, who was also listed as a farmer. The earliest house in the area, #310, built ca. 1880, belonged to Winthrop F. White, who established a small farm on land bought from Cyrus Stow's estate. By 1906 #310 was the property of Thomas Sheehan (Skehan), who had been foreman of William Wheeler's Nashawtuc Farm on Nashawtuc Hill. In the early 1890's Winthrop White's son-in-law, dentist H.D. Osgood, built the grandest residence in the area on the hilltop to the south. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: 1893, 1906.
Town assessor's records.
Town directories.
Concord Chronicle.
Keyes/Tolman.

☐ 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

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, cont.

All the other houses here were apparently put up on lots divided out of the former farmland. Further research should reveal the early owners of most of them. A spot-check of town directories indicates that, as in the Thoreau Street blocks further north, many of the residents of these houses worked in Boston, and undoubtedly commuted to work by train from the nearby Fitchburg Depot.

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MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	AREA DATA SHEET description	date	condition
785 H10-319-2	298 Thoreau Street	- Queen Anne gable-end Synthetic siding; wraparound porch on Tuscan columns. Rubble foundation.	ca. 1890	fair
786 H10-318	304/306 (310) Thoreau Street	- vernacular double-house 1 1/2-story with paired entries, Tuscan-columned porch. Clapboard; rubble foundation.	ca. 1900	fair
787 H10-187	305 Thoreau Street	- American Four-Square Synthetic siding; concrete-block foundation.	ca. 1918	fair
788 H10-207	313 Thoreau Street	- Dutch Colonial Revival Clapboard.	1920's	fair
789 H10-317	314 Thoreau Street	- Gothic/Italianate Clapboard; brick foundation. 3-bay facade with steep gable with round-topped window.	ca. 1880	good
790 H10-208	319 Thoreau Street	- Dutch Colonial Revival Clapboard.	1920's	good
791 H10-303	326 Thoreau Street	- Cape Cod Cottage Wood shakes, concrete foundation.	ca. 1930	good
792 H10-212	333 Thoreau Street	- Queen Anne cottage with shed dormer, ca. 1907 front porch under main roof. Wide clap- boards, rubble foundation.	ca. 1907	good
793 H10-211	345 Thoreau Street	- 2 1/2-story vernacular gable-end with wrap-around porch. Clapboard; rubble foundation.	ca. 1900	fair
794 H10-302-3	352 Thoreau Street	- vernac. Col. Revival with facade pavilion, pedimented gable-ends. Clapboard; slate roof. Cupolaed carriage house.	1890's	fair

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795 H10-212	353 Thoreau Street	- vernacular Col. Revival gable-end ca. 1900 Clapboard and shingle; rubble foundation. 2-story polygonal bay window on facade.	ca. 1900	fair
796 H10-214	367 Thoreau Street	- vernacular Col. Revival gable-end ca. 1900 Synthetic siding; rubble foundation. Facade porch on turned posts. Behind #369.	ca. 1900	fair
797 H10-213	369 Thoreau Street	- vernacular Col. Revival Synthetic siding; rubble foundation. Tuscan-columned facade porch.	ca. 1900	fair

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786 - 304-306 THOREAU ST

787 - 305 THOREAU ST

788 - 313 THOREAU ST

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790 - 319 THOREAU ST

791 - 326 THOREAU ST

792 - 333 THOREAU ST

793 - 345 THOREAU ST

794 - 352 THOREAU ST

795 - 353 THOREAU ST

796 - 367 THOREAU ST

797 - 369 THOREAU ST



298 Thoreau Street (CON. 785)



305-313 Thoreau Street



304-306 Thoreau Street (CON. 786)



314 Thoreau Street (CON. 789)



326 Thoreau Street (CON. 791)



333 Thoreau Street (CON. 792)



352 Thoreau Street (CON. 794)

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