

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.AX
Historic Name:	Laurel 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:	Architecture; Community Planning
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	



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FORM A - AREA

Assessor's Sheets

USGS Quad

Area Letter

Form Numbers in Area

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

H9, H10

CONCORD

AX

1015-1022

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CONCORD

Neighborhood or village) _____

Concord Center

Area _____ Laurel Street

Use _____ residential

Construction Dates or Period _____ ca. 1920-1935

Condition _____ fair to excellent

Intrusions and Alterations _____ modern
houses interspersed

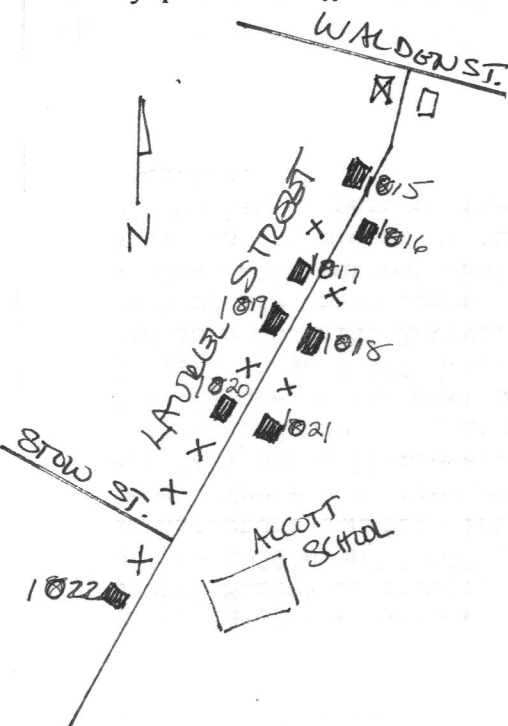
Sketch Map Laurel St, looking east from #44
Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.

Acreage _____ ca. 4 acres

Recorded by _____ A. Forbes

Organization _____ for Concord Histor. Comm.

Date (month/day/year) _____ June, 1992



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

AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

In spite of the extreme alteration of several of the houses here, the first block of Laurel Street is significant as an illustration of a small residential development of the 1920's and 1930's. As might be expected, the lots here are small, and the architecture consists largely of several of the most popular house-types of the time. There are three American Four-squares in fairly good condition, (#s 29, 43, and 44,) one well-preserved Dutch Colonial Revival at #36, a late Cape-Cod cottage at #61, and one 2 1/2-story vernacular gable-end house at #60. The latest house, #18, is one of the most unusual, and by far the most well-preserved on the street. It is a large 2 1/2-story cross-gabled building with a gabled entry pavilion. It has some Colonial Revival detail, as in the pilastered and sidelighted entry, but much of its charm comes from the European-inspired double and triple casement windows with cut-out shutters. The first house on the second block of the street, #108, is the oldest on the street. It is a small 2-story, two-bay gable-end cottage of the latter part of the nineteenth century, evidently moved here from another location.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

This street was one of several that were accepted by the town after building along the road had been taking place for a considerable time. The first block of the street was developed in the 1920's by Mrs. Frank Foss of 170 Walden Street on a long parcel of land stretching from Walden to Thoreau Street that had been part of the old Heywood farm. She left town after nearly all the lots there were sold, but before a suitable street was built. Consequently it was the lot-owners themselves who improved the street, and presented it to Town Meeting, which accepted it as a town way in 1933.

The street was extended southwest to Thoreau Street in 1954 by Casper and Eleanor Jenney, a line of additional houses was built on the northwest side, and the final school building of "schoolhouse row", the Alcott School, was built on the southeast side, opposite Stow Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps, atlases: Sanborns from 1909.

Town Directories and tax lists.

Joslin, Elmer. "Notes on the Acceptances or Layouts of Public Ways in the Town of Concord." 1956.

Keyes/Tolman.

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORD

Laurel Street

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.
A~~X~~ 1815-1822

AREA DATA SHEET

(Asterisk indicates property is covered on an individual form)

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	Approx. date	description	Condition
1815 H9-126	18 Laurel Street	ca. 1930	2 1/2-story eclectic house; Clapboard; casement windows; cut-out shutters	excellent
1816 H9-230	29 Laurel Street	ca. 1920's	Four-square Synthetic siding, rubble foundation	fair
1817 H9-130	36 Laurel Street	mid-1920's	Dutch Colonial Revival Clapboard; rubble foundation	excellent
1818 H9-227	43 (45) Laurel Street	ca. 1920's	Four-square Synthetic siding; rubble foundation	fair
1819 H9-131	44 Laurel Street	ca. 1920's	Four-square Synthetic siding; rubble foundation	fair
1820 H9-140	60 Laurel Street	ca. 1920's	2 1/2-story vernacular gable-end Wood clapboard; rubble foundation; enclosed porch	fair
1821 H9-224	61 Laurel Street	ca. 1930's	"Cape Cod" cottage Stucco.	good
1822 H10-200	108 Laurel Street	late-19th C.	2-story vernac. gable-end cottage Wood clapboard, with later 1-story ell. Vernac. Italianate detail: 2-light glass-and-panel door with canopy on saw-cut brackets. Concrete-block foundation. Moved.	good

MHC INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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MACRIS No.

CON. AX

AREA AX
PL - CONCORD
USGS - CONCORD
SECTION - B

1015 - 18 LAUREL ST

1016 - 29 LAUREL ST

1017 - 36 LAUREL ST

1018 - 43 LAUREL ST

1019 - 44 LAUREL ST

1020 - 60 LAUREL ST

1021 - 61 LAUREL ST

1022 - 108 LAUREL ST



18 Laurel Street (CON. 1015)



60 Laurel Street (CON. 1020)



36 Laurel Street (CON. 1017)



108 Laurel Street (CON. 1022)



South side Laurel Street