

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.BK
Historic Name:	Lexington Road - Shadyside Avenue Area
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Merriam's Corner
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Agricultural; Residential District
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture; Ethnic Heritage
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	



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Boston, Massachusetts 02116

K9, K10

CONCORD

C:
BK

359-361; 943

(also area C: #'s 359, 360; 943)



CONCORD

Neighborhood or village) _____

East Quarter _____

Area _____ Lexington Road and
Shadyside Ave.
Use _____ residential; agricultural

Construction Dates or Period _____ ca. 1890-1940

Condition _____
fair

Intrusions and Alterations _____

Modern and altered early-modern
houses along Shadyside Ave.

1087 Lexington Road (CON. 360)

Sketch Map

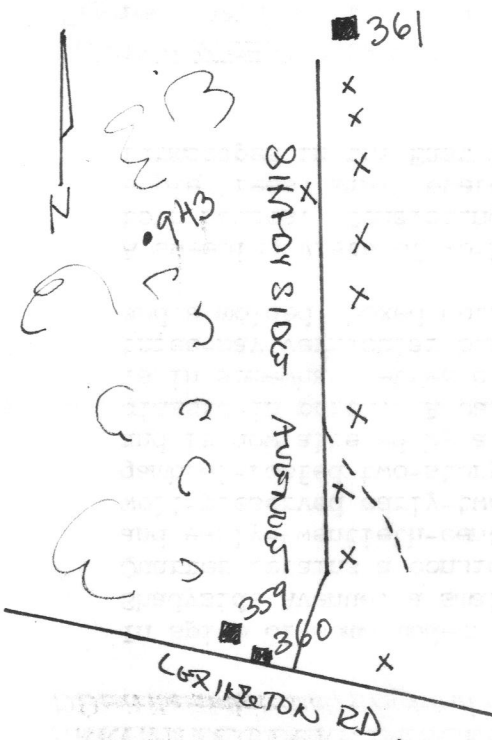
Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.

Acreage _____ ca. 75 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.

In spite of some modern and altered early-modern house residential construction on Shadyside Avenue, a small area on the north side of Lexington Road in the East Quarter retains a considerable amount of its rural character as a late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century farming district. Standing close to the road with a well-preserved early-twentieth-century "drop-sided" farmstand beside it is a gambrel-roofed two-story farmhouse, 1087 Lexington Road. It dates to ca. 1915-20 and is now altered by a pair of shed dormers, synthetic siding and a wraparound, glassed-in porch. A ca. 1890's farmhouse facing the north end of Shadyside Avenue is in somewhat better condition. This is #286 Shadyside Ave., a two-story, three-bay vernacular building with a rear ell, center chimney, 6-over-6-sash windows and a molded, boxed cornice.

A sweeping vista of working farmland lies between and to the north and northwest of both houses. Consisting of slightly rolling, cultivated fields interspersed with apple trees, small evergreens, and brushy lowlands, this is one of the most intact farmscapes in the East Quarter.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

At the end of the nineteenth century this section of the East Quarter was dotted with the farms of many of Concord's Irish-born farming families, to be followed within a few decades by farmers from Italy. Some bought existing farmsteads; others put up new houses on sections of older farms. 286 Shadyside Avenue was built midway between Lexington and Virginia Roads at the end of a long lane, probably by farmer Patrick Fee (Fie). The farm at #1087 Lexington Road is still owned and worked by members of the Infererra family, who came to Concord from Italy in the early 1900's.

Much of the western part of the open vista here is part of Minuteman National Park.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Keyes/Tolman.
Maps and atlases: 1906.
Town directories.
Concord Oral History Tapes.

☐ 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 Lexington Rd./Shadyside Ave.

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.

C; BK 359-361; 943

AREA DATA SHEET

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	description	date	condition
361 K9-4258	286 Shadyside Avenue	vernac. Italianate Wood shingle; brick foundation.	ca. 1890	fair
359 K10-4238	1087 Lexington Road	altered Col. Revival Synthetic siding; rubble foundation.	ca. 1915-20	fair
360 K10-4238	at 1087 Lexington Road	drop-sided farmstand	ca. 1920's	good
943 Parcels 4232, 4233, 4234, 4236, 4237, 4240, 4258, 4260.	off Lexington Rd. and Shadyside Ave.	- 70+ acres of farm landscape (most owned by MMPHP.)		good

MHC INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MHC Inventory scanning project, 2008-2012

MACRIS No. CON. BK

AREA BK
PL - EAST QUARTER & MERIDIAN
USGS - CONCORD
SECTION - D

361 - 286 SHADYSIDE AVE

359 - 1087 LEXINGTON RD (ALSO AREA C:

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943 - LEXINGTON RD (ALSO AREA C:

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286 Shadyside Avenue (CON. 361)



Farmland, looking Southwest from
Shadyside Avenue (CON. 943)