

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.BM
Historic Name:	Old Bedford Road Area
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	East Quarter
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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Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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CONCORD

BM

1073-1075



in _____ CONCORD

e (neighborhood or village) _____

East Quarter _____

e of Area _____ Old Bedford Road:
643, 654, 667

ent Use _____ residential

struction Dates or Period _____ ca. 1875-1920

rall Condition _____
fair to goodor Intrusions and Alterations _____
in area of modern houses

Acreage _____ ca. 2 acres

Recorded by _____ A. Forbes

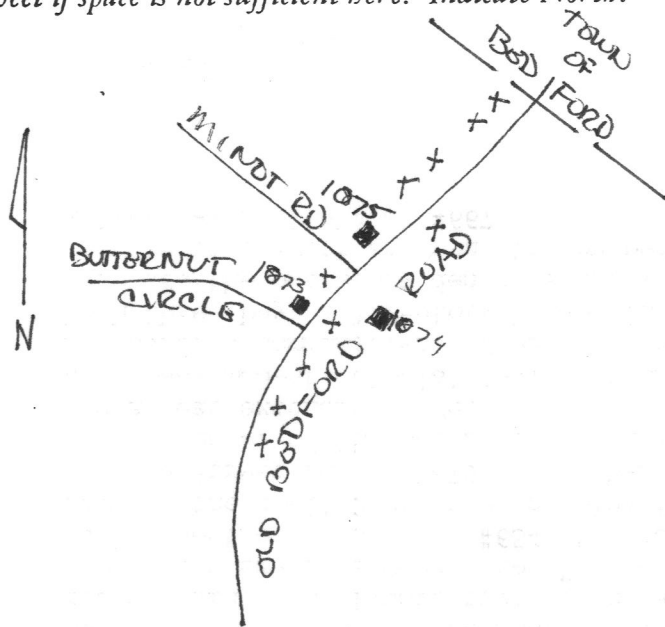
Organization _____ for Concord Histor. Comm.

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

643 Old Bedford Road (CON. 1073)

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.



AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

As in the area just to the southwest, three houses on Old Bedford Road near the Bedford line are illustrative of the area's transition from its early agricultural roots to a small-farming, then "streetcar-suburb" residential neighborhood of the early twentieth century. #654, the earliest house of the group, is similar to some of the small 2-story vernacular farmhouses built on the western sections of Bedford Street in the 1870's: it has a narrow projecting bay window or "pavilion" in the center of the second story of its three-bay facade, a narrow center chimney, and a rear extension. The other two houses are much later, dating to about 1920, when many modest Colonial Revival houses were being built throughout Concord and the surrounding communities. These two, probably constructed by the same carpenter, are both three-bay, 2 1/2-story houses in the Federal Revival vein. Typical features here are the one-story den or sunroom on one end, the 6-over-6-sash windows, and main entries--with an open, broken pediment at #643, and with a louvered elliptical fanlight at #667.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

The end of the nineteenth century saw several of the large farms of the east quarter being broken up into smaller acreages, a process which continued through the middle of the twentieth. It is not surprising that some of the residents of these houses near the town line had as much of a connection with Bedford as with Concord. According to Keyes, #654 was built in about 1875 by a man named Sennott, and occupied in the 1880's by his heirs. One of the heirs was apparently Edward Daley, stationmaster at the West Bedford depot, which was located just over the town line where the Boston & Maine (formerly the Middlesex Central) Railroad crossed the main road into Bedford. He is shown here from the 1880's through at least 1906.

The other two houses, located across the street at #s 643 and 667, were built ca. 1920, probably for people who rode the streetcar line to work in its last few years of operation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: 1906.
Town assessor's records.
Town directories.
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

CONCORD643-667 Old Bedford Rd.

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.

BM 1873-1875

AREA DATA SHEET

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	description	date	condition
1873 J6-1016	643 Old Bedford Road	Federal Revival Wood shakes; rubble foundation. 2 1/2-story; Tuscan columns at entry.	ca. 1920	good
1874 J6-984	654 Old Bedford Road	small vernacular 2-story house Synthetic siding; granite foundation. 3-bays, central chimney and facade "pavilion" projecting over enclosed front porch. Early-twentieth-century rear addition.	ca. 1875	fair
1875 J6-993	667 Old Bedford Road	Federal Revival Wide clapboard, rubble foundation. 2 1/2-story.	ca. 1920	good

MHC INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MHC Inventory scanning project, 2008-2012

MACRIS No. CON. BM

AREA BM
PL - EAST QUARTER
USGS - CONCORD
SECTION - C

1073 - 643 OLD BEDFORD RD

1074 - 654 OLD BEDFORD RD

1075 - 667 OLD BEDFORD RD



654 Old Bedford Road (CON. 1074)



667 Old Bedford Road (CON. 1075)

Original yellow form: Eligibility file
Copies: Inventory form
Town file(w/corresp.)
Macris
NR director _____

CON. Bm

Community: CON

MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received: 3/27/01

Date Due: 4/27/01

Date Reviewed: 4/4/01

Type: ☒ Individual

☒ District (s)(Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name: Multiple Areas (see below for list)

Inventory Form: See Below

Address: Old Bedford Rd / Bedford Street / Virginia Road

Requested by: TD

Action: ☐ Honor ☐ ITC ☐ Grant ☒ R & C ☐ Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review: SW

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

☒ Eligible
☐ Eligible, also in district
☐ Eligible only in district
☐ Ineligible
☐ More information needed

DISTRICTS

☐ Eligible
☐ Ineligible
☒ More information needed

CRITERIA: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

LEVEL: ☒ Local ☒ State ☐ National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS:

Old Bedford Road Area (CON.BM)
Old Bedford Road Area II (CON.BN)
Bedford Street Area II (CON.BO)
Lower Old Bedford – Virginia Roads Area (CON.BL)
William Tibbets – Thoreau Farm (CON.176)

INDIVIDUAL:

Enos Fox House (CON.182)
Samuel Fox House (CON.181)
Benoni & Thomas Fox House (CON.180)
Waldo Flint House (CON.179)

The entire area radiates from the intersection of Old Bedford Road and Bedford Street and part of Virginia Road (see map). The area is illustrative of the area's transition from an early agricultural to small farming area to an early 20th century streetcar suburb residential neighborhood. A majority of the land was once associated with the Fox family. The properties predominately read as historic structures in form though some have replacement windows or a form of synthetic siding.

The Old Bedford Road Area, the northernmost area, consists of three houses at 643, 654 and 667 Old Bedford Road all dating from the 1870's to the 1920's. Modern houses are located adjacent to these historic structures and to the north and south on Old Bedford Road. There is also a modern subdivision to the west (see map).

The Old Bedford Road Area II lies just to the south the Old Bedford Road Area. The area includes five properties 515,527,537,547,595 Old Bedford Road all located on the west side of the street, all constructed between 1870 and 1931. The historic properties are comprised of Greek Revivals and bungalows.

On the east side of Old Bedford Road at number 550 is the Enos Fox House. A Georgian farmhouse constructed in 1770 with a two story rear ell (may be a one story ell with an added second story dating to the early 20th century). The building is a five bay, two and a half story late Georgian structure with a central chimney, with a projecting central bay. The building is wood clapboard sided with 6 over 9 wood windows. The property is one of several in the area built by the Fox family, one of the earliest families in Concord. The house was used by subsequent families who farmed the area fields. Fun fact - during the Revolutionary War, when Harvard College was moved to Concord, a professor was housed here.

Just to the south of the Old Bedford Road Area II are several individually inventoried properties including:

- The Samuel Fox House at 505 Old Bedford Road: It is believed that the house may retain some heavy timber framing dating to 1702 but it predominately dates to the mid 18th century with a vernacular Georgian feel. The building has a salt box addition to the rear, is a five bay symmetrically arranged façade with a projecting one story central bay, and retains 6/6 wood sash and the majority of its architectural details. It has a clapboard façade with shingled sides. There was a former carriage house that was attached to the house, but destroyed in the 1938 hurricane. The site includes a 1930's garage, shed, greenhouse complex, and roadside stand.
- Benoni and Thomas Fox House at 474-472 Old Bedford Road, diagonally opposite the Samuel Fox House: The side of the house faces the street and there is a large condo addition added to the house. This structure began as a typical 18th century five bay 2 and a half story structure with a central chimney. The building is wood clapboard sided with late 19th century 2/2 wood sash with plain trim. The house at one time had a Victorian wrap around porch (as seen in earlier inventory form) that was removed and replaced with a central projecting bay in the 1990's.
- Waldo Flint House at 430 Old Bedford Road: Located at the corner of Bedford Street in a deep lot with mature trees with remnants of an orchard to the south. The c. 1890 2 and a half story dwelling with 2/2 wood windows is a vernacular Queen Anne style house with wood clapboard and shingles. A large clapboarded barn and carriage house sits adjacent to the house and is a very well preserved example in the town of Concord with a small cupola, central dormer with hay door, 6/6 wood sash, and vertical board central door.

Bedford Street II lies southwest of Old Bedford Road Area II after the intersection of Old Bedford Road and Bedford Street. The area consists of 9 properties on the north side of Bedford Street and one on the south side surrounded by modern residential properties. Mid 19th to early 20th century structures of various styles and several of the properties also have outbuildings.

The Lower Bedford – Virginia Road Area lies southeast of the intersection of Old Bedford Road and Bedford Street. The area consists of 7 residential properties dating from the late 19th to early 20th century. The southernmost portion of the area is within the Minuteman National Historic Park which includes the property at 55 Old Bedford Road (which is also in the American Mile LHD) and the agricultural land to the east of Old Bedford Road.

William Tibbets – Thoreau Farm, on the north side of Virginia Road, one of three inventoried sites outside the previous area is just west of the Deacon Wheeler- Thoreau Birthplace, which is individually eligible for listing in the National Register, and the Wheeler-Merriam House, which is individually listed in the National Register. Constructed c. 1878, the Greco-Italianate 2 and a half story three bay with a projecting wing house is sided in asbestos shingle. The associations with Thoreau extend only to the farm land associated with the site, the Thoreau farmhouse was demolished and this property built in the same location. The property was sold to the Wheeler family next door and farmed with the adjoining land.

DETERMINATION:

The Enos Fox House, Samuel Fox House and Waldo Flint House w/ barn and carriage house all retain integrity of setting, location, design, workmanship, feeling, association and materials and are eligible under Criteria A and C.

The Benino and Thomas Fox House is not eligible for listing because it lacks architectural integrity due to alterations over time, including a new side addition and removal of the Victorian porch.

More information is needed to determine eligibility for the areas in order to assess the number if intrusions (if any) between the houses in the areas and the areas themselves.