

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.BT
Historic Name:	Ripley Hill Road 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

H-7 H-6	CONCORD	BT	1911-1914
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47 Ripley Hill Rd (CON-1112)
NOV 17 1992

Town CONCORD



(neighborhood or village) _____

Concord center _____

of Area Ripley Hill Road:

44, 47, 89, 111

Use residential

Construction Dates or Period _____

ca. 1914-1920

Condition _____

fair to excellent

Intrusions and Alterations _____

none

Area ca. 9.5 acres

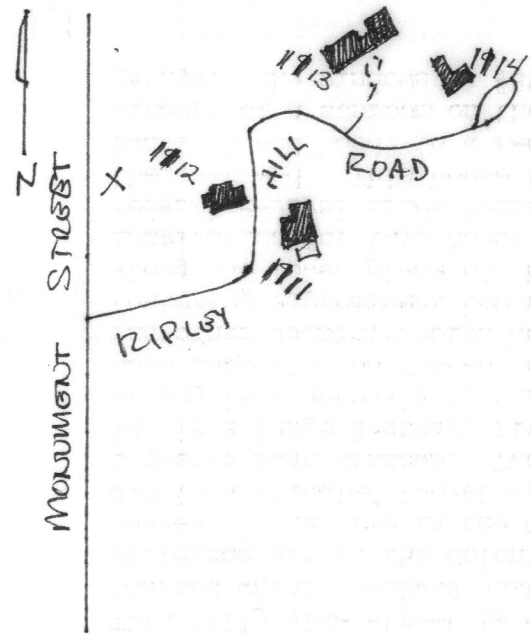
Sketch Map

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.

Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization for Concord Histor. Comm.

Date (month/day/year) June, 1992



ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

This hilly side street is one of several early-twentieth-century subdivisions in Concord which involved just a few large houses on sizeable lots. Although all the buildings are in the Colonial Revival style, which was the prevalent taste in large houses of the time in the Concord area, there is considerable variety among them. #44 is a shingled two-story house with a gabled roof and a four-bay facade with 6-over-6-sash windows. Two of the houses here, #47 and 111, have gambrel roofs. #47 is a large 2-story, five-bay building with a pair of side wings. Its flushboard siding is vigorously Colonial Revival, as is its main entry, which has a pedimented hood supported on Tuscan columns. Its windows are 8-over-12- and 8-over-8-sash. The other gambrel-roofed house, at #111, is a lower, 1 1/2-story L-plan building featuring a prominent bow window on the facade and a series of shed-roofed dormers along the lower plane of the roof. Paired 12-over-12 windows emphasize the Colonial inspiration for this house. The fourth house, #89, is a large three-bay two-story Federal Revival brick house with a hipped roof, center chimney, and a large wing on the east end. This house features the elliptical arch throughout--at the entry fanlight and hood, in a recessed entry on the east wing, in the double multi-sash windows of a sunroom on the west end, and even in the openings of its later attached garage. The windows at #89 are 6-over-6-sash.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

Ripley Hill Road was one of the first residential areas subdivided in Concord around the time of the First World War. The developer was Russell Robb of 709 Monument Street, who laid out a winding road east from Monument Street up the hill just north of the Boston & Maine Railroad. Here he subdivided several large lots for the building of large Colonial Revival homes. Ripley Hill Road was officially accepted by the town in 1918, but some of these houses were built a few years earlier. The first house was built in 1914 for John G. Morse, an insurance appraiser. The next one listed in directories was evidently built in 1916-17, and belonged to Nathan A. Middleton, listed as a clerk.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Town assessor's records.

Town directories.

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

☐ 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

Ripley Hill Road

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.
BT 111-114

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	AREA DATA SHEET description	date	condition
111 H7-1252	44 Ripley Hill Road -	Colonial Revival Shingle; rubble foundation. later additions on N. and S. ends.	ca. 1914-18	fair
112 H7-1255	47 Ripley Hill Road -	Colonial Revival Flushboarded. Flared gambrel roof.	ca. 1914-18	excellent
113 H7-1254	89 Ripley Hill Road -	Federal Revival Brick; hip-roofed.	ca. 1914-18	good
114 H7-1253	111 Ripley Hill Road -	Colonial Revival Clapboard; wood-shingle gambrel roof.	ca. 1914-18	fair

MHC INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MHC Inventory scanning project, 2008-2012

MACRIS No. CON. BT

AREA BT
PL - CONCORD
USGS - CONCORD
SECTION - B

1111 - 44 RIPLEY HILL RD (ALSO DV-LHD-3/5/73)

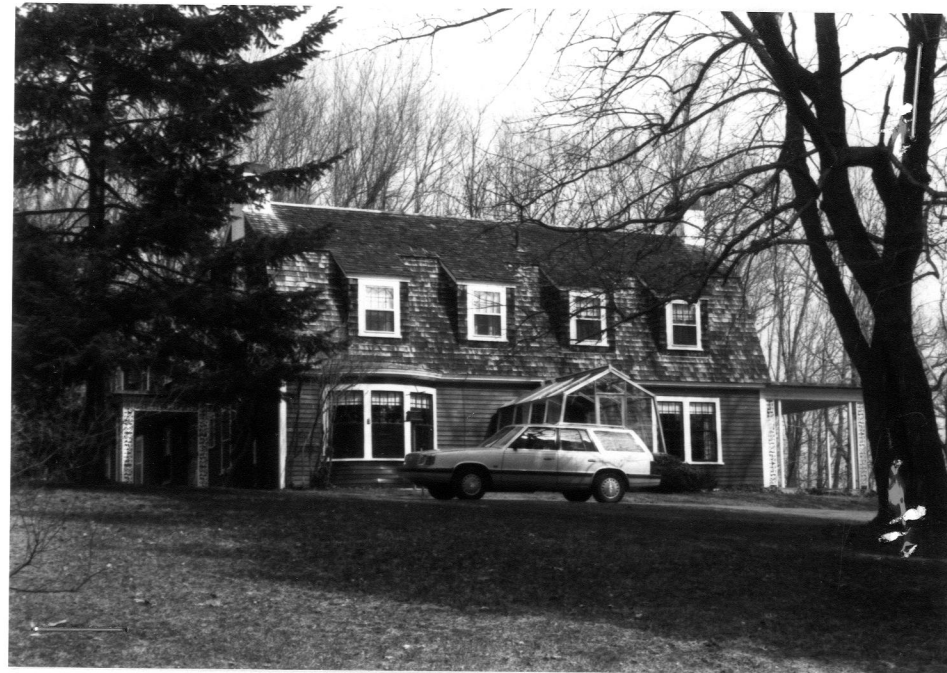
1112 - 47 RIPLEY HILL RD (ALSO DV-LHD-3/5/73)

1113 - 89 RIPLEY HILL RD

1114 - 111 RIPLEY HILL RD



44 Ripley Hill Road (con. 1111)



111 Ripley Hill Road (con. 1114)



89 Ripley Hill Road (con. 1113)