

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.CH
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Stevens, Brooks Jr. Estate
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	
<b>Use(s):</b>	Other Residential
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	



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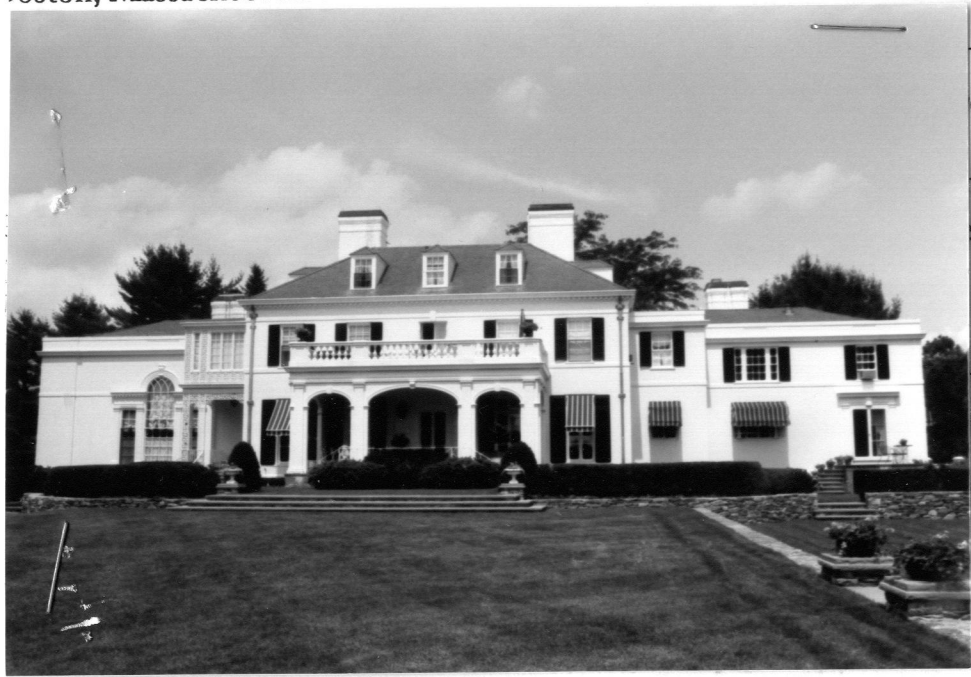
FORM A - AREA

Assessor's Sheets USGS Quad Area Letter Form Numbers in Area

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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CONCORD



neighborhood or village) \_\_\_\_\_

Brooks Stevens, Jr.  
Estate

residential

Dates or Period 1936

Condition good

Revisions and Alterations none

1075 Lowell Road (CON. 1164)

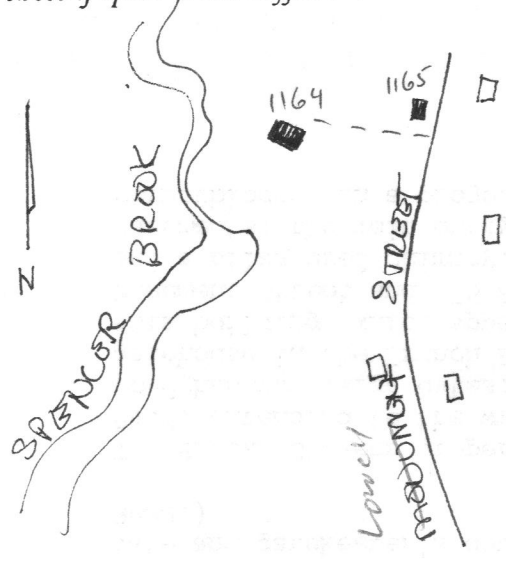
Sketch Map  
Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.

Acreage 87.28 acres

Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization for Concord Histor. Comm.

Date (month/day/year) July, 1992



1019 Lowell Road (CON. 1165)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

Perched on a low hill overlooking Spencer Brook west of Lowell Road is one of Concord's largest and most dramatic country houses of the 1930's. This property is also important as the town's only example of a large estate, complete with walled gate and gatekeeper's cottage, designed by Harry Little. (See #263 Simon Willard Road.)

The Brooks Stevens property consists of 87 acres of land on the west side of Lowell Road, extending to the widest area of Spencer Brook. A high brick wall along the road has two large gates; beside the main one is a square hip-roofed stucco gatehouse in the French Provincial style (#1079 Lowell Road.) Notable features of this building, which appear at Little's other French Provincial houses at 712 Monument Street and 256 Simon Willard Road, include high belt-coursing on the wall and a pilastered chimney. The windows are a combination of 9-over-9-sash and casements; the main entry is a 6-panel door with fluted pilasters and medallioned cornerblocks, in a projecting vestibule. (Cont.)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

This magnificent estate, designed by architect Harry Little in 1936, was built for Brooks Stevens, Jr. (1902-1981), and his family. He was a successful manufacturer with interests in both the United States and Canada. He also held various directorships and offices in the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain.

Two gatehouses were originally planned for this property, but only one was built.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Harry Little's Concord. Museum exhibition catalog, Concord Museum.  
Obituary File, Concord Free Library.

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

## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORDBrooks Stevens, Jr. House

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.

CH 1164, 1165

## ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

The main house is set deep into the property at the end of a long drive flanked by lawns and meadows. The drive ends at the rear of the house in a courtyard enclosed by the same type of high brick wall as that along the street. The house itself is a hybrid combination of French and Colonial Revival, with the latter style predominating. It is a large two-story, five-bay hip-roofed structure flanked by a pair of side wings. Each side wing has a one-story flat-roofed rear extension--that on the east contains a two-car garage, the one on the west is living space; it has a spindle-balustraded around the roof. The main entry from the drive has an 8-panel door topped by an elaborate entablature of broken triangular pediment with urn finial, and in the frieze, a carved floral swag. A semi-circular Doric entrance portico adds to the ceremonial effect. The south facade, which overlooks a wide sweep of terraced lawns and formal gardens, is more complex. At the center is a wide arched portico (a later addition) with fluted Doric columns. To its west is a two-story projection with iron grillwork supports, and on the west wing, a large Palladian window. Other fenestration in the house includes 6-over-9-sash, 12-over-12's at the first story, 6-over-6's at the second, and Casement French doors on the south facade. As in the gatehouse, the architectural trim here features molded belt-coursing, but also includes a modillioned cornice, quoined corners, and spindle balustrades. Small dormers pierce the main roof, and massive corbeled chimneys rise from each section of the house.

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DATA SHEET

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	description	date	condition
1164 F5-1613	1075 Lowell Road	- Colonial/French Revival House Stucco; slate roof; parged and granite- block foundation. One-story wing added on east end; arched portico on south facade.	1936	good
1165 F5-1613	1079 Lowell Road	- French Provincial cottage Stucco; asphalt roof. 1-story passage connects to hip-roofed garage on north.	1936	excellent



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SECTION - A

1164-1075 LOWELL RD

1165-1079 LOWELL RD