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Inventory No:	CON.CJ
Historic Name:	Bateman's Pond Area II
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	North Quarter
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Agricultural; Other Institutional; Residential District
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture; Education
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	

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FORM A - AREA

Assessor's Sheets

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Area Letter

Form Numbers in Area CON. C3

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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G2-4

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Photograph

(3"x 3" or 3"x 5", only black and white)

Indicate on the back of each photo the street addresses for buildings that are shown. Staple them onto this form or onto a continuation sheet.

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Town CONCORD

Place (neighborhood or village) _____

North Quarter

Name of Area Bateman's Pond

Present Use residential/institutional/agricultural

Construction Dates or Period 17th through early 20th centuries

Overall Condition _____

fair to excellent

Major Intrusions and Alterations modern

houses interspersed

Acreage ca. 500 acres

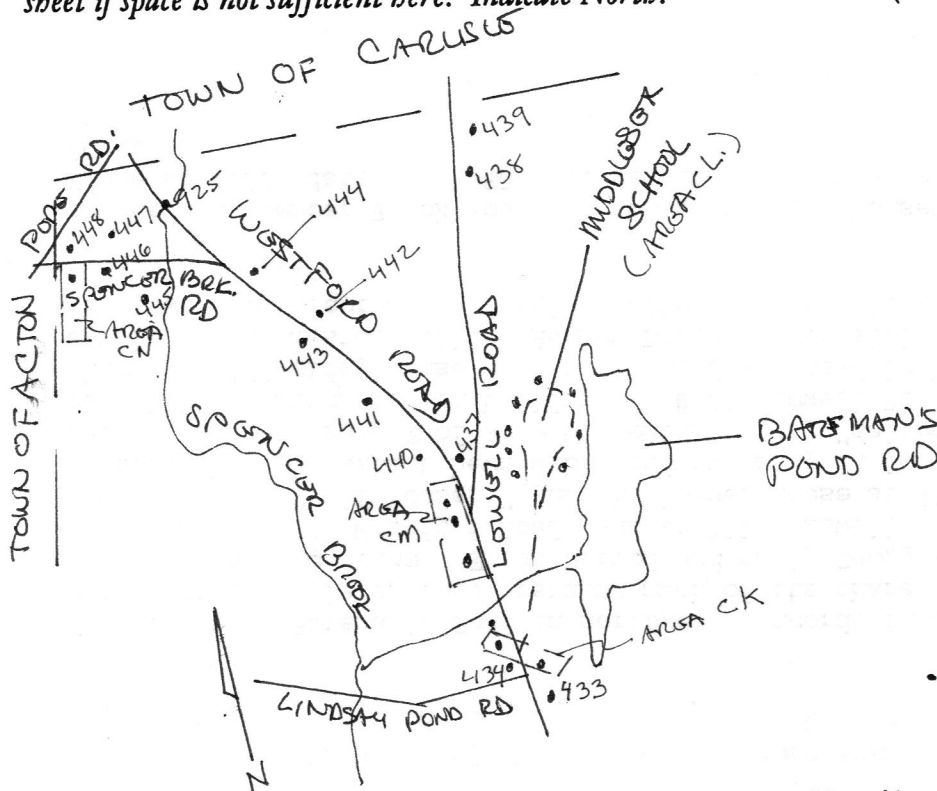
Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization for Concord Histor. Comm.

Date (month/day/year) June, 1992

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.



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.

The area near Bateman's Pond in northwest Concord, in spite of some recent modern house construction on large lots, retains much of its character as one of Concord's earliest outlying farming areas. First Period and early Georgian vernacular farmhouses remain at #s 216 and 344 Westford Road, and at #1710 Lowell Road. #216 is one of Concord's few two-story "half-houses," and the larger house at #344 Westford displays what is perhaps the only extant hewn gable-end overhang in Concord. #1710 Lowell Road is a well-preserved example of an eighteenth-century "saltbox." Two large houses dating to ca. 1790 are both stylish buildings. #1323 Lowell Road is a typical five-bay center-chimney 2 1/2-story house with pedimented enclosed lobby entrance. #107 Westford Road, attributed to master-builder Reuben Duren, is an early Federal "brick-ender" with a shallow-hipped roof and a finely-crafted corner pilasters and a pedimented entry with bolelection molding.

Located on Spencer Brook Road are two very early houses. One, the Clarke/Mansfield House at #158, dates to 1680, and was updated in the eighteenth century; it was (Cont.)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

The area in the northwest corner of Concord near Bateman's Pond and Spencer Brook was one of the earliest outlying sections of town to develop as a settled farming area. As was typical of districts far from the town center, the families here intermarried, and many of the farms were owned for generations by the descendants of the original settlers. By the latter part of the seventeenth century there were three families here: the Joneses, Healds, and Melvins. By 1697 Jacob "Cornet" Farrar had bought the small John Jones house at 110 Spencer Brook Road and established the first of several generations of Farrars to live in the area. At today's border with Carlisle on upper Lowell Road, Ebenezer Hartwell II had built #1710 by 1724, later to be owned by Adamases, Chandlers, and Melvins. By the middle of the eighteenth century Ephraim Brown was farming here and teaching a small school for the area in his house at #1409/1411 Lowell Road. As with Joneses and Farrars, several generations of Browns were subsequently farmers in the area, as were the Woods, the first of whom, Daniel, settled on part of the old Melvin land and built #1323 Lowell Road in ca. 1789. At about the same time Stephen Barrett also bought a farm on lower Westford Road, built #107, and established a tannery across the road. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: Brown survey, 1754; 1830, 1852, 1856, 1875, 1889, 1906.
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 Interviews with owners, 1990-1992
 Wheeler House Files.
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 Archives of the Middlesex School. (Cont.)

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORDBateman's Pond

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION, cont.

moved to Concord from Lynnfield in the 1960's. The earliest section of the other, the Jones/Farrar House at #110, was built prior to 1697. Its appearance today, however, is largely the result of an updating during the Greek Revival period.

A transitional Federal/Greek Revival two-story house, built for Nathaniel Hutchinson in about 1830, stands at #1266 Lowell Road. Though its proportions are indicative of the Federal period, its entry, with full-length sidelights and fretwork pilasters, is an excellent example of the early Greek Revival in Concord. Another Greek Revival building, at #1453 Lowell Road, is one of the best-preserved of Concord's mid-nineteenth-century gable-end schoolhouses. It retains its large 6-over-6-sash windows with shallow-pedimented surrounds.

The best representatives of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century in the area are several outbuildings, including two large Queen Anne barns at the intersection of Lowell and Westford Road, a well-preserved "New England" barn behind #107 Westford Road, and the barn of Triangle Farm on Spencer Brook Road, moved up from Concord center in 1914.

The campus of the Middlesex School, with grounds laid out by the Olmsted firm and several of its large brick buildings designed by Peabody & Stearns and their successors, is one of the most significant of any Colonial Revival school campuses in the country.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

A significant shift in ownership took place at the end of the nineteenth century, when this became one of the main areas where Concord's Scandinavian immigrants acquired farms. By the early twentieth century there were several Larsons and Olsons here, as well as Martinus Helsher, who owned considerable property on Spencer Brook Road, and Thore Johnson at #216 Westford Road.

In 1901 much the area changed somewhat when 296 acres (today over 350 acres,) including the 224-acre Brown farm, was purchased by the Middlesex School. The school built its main campus back from the east side of Lowell Road, but for many years also utilized some of the former farm buildings, as well as the mid-nineteenth-century District #6 Schoolhouse.

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AREA DATA SHEET

Asterisk indicates property is covered on an individual or small area form.
Map and Parcel numbers are shown on individual forms.

MHC #	Address	historic name	approximate date
* 433	1266 Lowell Road -	Nathaniel Hutchinson House	Ca. 1830-1835
* 434	1323 Lowell Road -	Daniel Wood House	Ca. 1789
* CK	1342 Lowell Road -		1900-1910
* CK	1355 Lowell Road -		Ca. 1920's
* CL	1400 Lowell Road -	Middlesex School	Early 20th century
* CM	1409/1411 Lowell Road -	Brown Farmhouse	Mid-18th/19th C.s/1920's
* CM	---	Whiting Barn	Late 19th century
* 437	1453 Lowell Road -	District #6 Schoolhouse	1848-49
* 438	1710 Lowell Road -	Adams/Chandler/Melvin House	Early 18th century
* 439	1764 Lowell Road -		Ca. 1900-10
* 445	71 Spencer Brook Road -	MacMillan House	1936-37
* 446	107 Spencer Brook Road -	former Helscher Barn	Ca. 1817
* 447	110 Spencer Brook Road -	Jones/Farrar/Wetherbee House	Part pre-1697/18th C.
* 448	158 Spencer Brook Road -	Clarke/Mansfield House	Ca. 1680
* CN	-- Spencer Brook Road -	Barns of Triangle Farm	Late 19th/20th centuries
* CM	7 Westford Road -	Middlesex School Barn	Early 20th century
* 440	25 Westford Road -	Middlesex School squashcourt/ quarters	1904
* 441	107 Westford Road -	Stephen Barrett House	Ca. 1790

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AREA DATA SHEET, Cont.

MHC #	Address	historic name	approximate date
*442	216 Westford Road - Peter/Hiram Jones House		Ca. 1710
*443	229 Westford Road - Arthur Jones House		Ca. 1890's
*444	344 Westford Road - John/William Melvin House		Ca. 1697-1710
*925	-- Westford Road - Stone-arch bridge over Spencer Brook		19th century