

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.CN
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Triangle Farm
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Bateman's Pond; North Quarter
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Other Residential
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	



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80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

E2-1565-2

WESTFORD

CN

1185, 1186, 950

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Town

CONCORD

Neighborhood or village)

North Quarter

Area Triangle Farm

Use agricultural

Construction Dates or Period early  
20th Century

Condition excellent

Additions and Alterations none

Acreage 15.75 acres

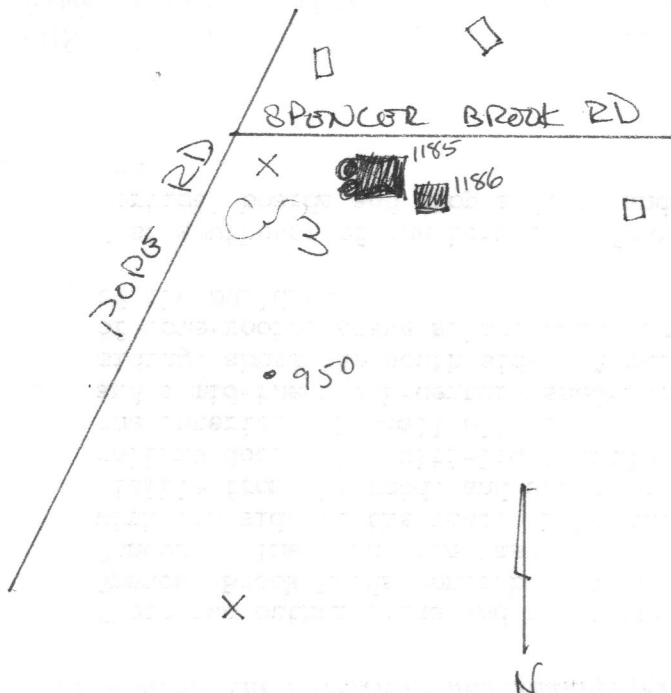
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Organization for Concord Histor. Comm.

Date (month/day/year) July, 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.



AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

These two outbuildings and thirteen-acre pasture at the intersection of Pope and Spencer Brook Roads contribute greatly to the pastoral atmosphere of this part of Concord. The barn, the last of its type on the road, is a long gable-end structure with its side to the road. Like many of its time, it is clapboarded on the sides visible from the road, and shingled on the rear. The main wagon door is a two-part rolling door with multi-light windows; a transom above the door lets more light into the interior. A small ell projects forward from the southeast corner of the facade, and a mid-twentieth-century shed-roofed stable wing, clad in beveled or "drop" siding, abuts the south side. A pair of metal vents pierces the ridge, and a pair of dome-roofed stave silos, once common, but now rare in Concord, abuts the west end of the building.

Just southeast of the barn is a four-bay wagon shed of ca. 1950. It is clad in vertical boards and drop siding, and has a long shed roof. An ell abuts the west end.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

The cluster of outbuildings and rolling pasture land here at the corner of Spencer Brook and Pope Roads remain from the last working farm in the vicinity, "Triangle Farm".

From 1901 to the mid-1930's much of the Concord section of the farm, (80+ additional acres of it were eventually added across Pope Road in Acton), was owned by Mons Olsen, who lived first at #110 Spencer Brook Road, and after 1934 in a cottage at #158. He moved the barn up from the Judge Keyes property in about 1914. The pasture on Pope Road was apparently part of the farm which had belonged in the mid-nineteenth century to J. E. Wadley, and after his death to his son Frank. In the early part of this century it belonged to Martinus Helscher, owner of the farmstead just east at #107 Spencer Brook Road. Mons Olsen kept cows in the barn, and grew asparagus and other crops on fields in the northern part of the ca. 20-acre triangle bounded by Westford, Spencer Brook, and Pope Roads. In 1934 Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan purchased most of Mons Olsen's property, including the farmhouse at #110. In 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Nesmith bought the farmhouse, along with the fields in the triangle and a strip of orchard with the Olsen barn here on the south side of the road. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Keyes/Tolman. "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's.  
Interview with owners, 7/92.

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

## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORDTriangle Farm

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.  
CN 1185-86;  
950

## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

Mrs. Nesmith was later Mrs. George Clayton Greene, and the Greenes purchased the field on Pope Road in about 1946, added the property in Acton, and carried on the dairy operations into the late 1960's. They added the leanto on the south side of the barn to house a flock of sheep; it was later converted to an area for cows in stanchions. The barn and wagon house are now used for storage, and the field is leased as a pasture.

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AREA DATA SHEET

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	name/description	date	condition
1185 <sup>149</sup> E2-1565-2	Spencer Brook Road	utilitarian gable-end barn Clapboard, shingle, drop-siding; fieldstone and granite foundation. Pair of stave silos abutting west end.	mid-19th century	
1186 <sup>149</sup> E2-1565-2	Spencer Brook Road	shed-roofed utilitarian wagon shed Vertical-board and drop-siding; Concrete foundation.	mid-20th century	
950 E2-1567	Spencer Brook Road	pasture land	13.5 acres	N/A

Barn, Spencer Brook Road

