

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.CO
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Barrett's Mill Road Area
<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>	Agricultural; Industrial Complex or District; Other Recreational; Other Residential
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture; Industry; Recreation
<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

F6, F7

CONCORD

CO

449, 1187-1195

951

CONCORD

Neighborhood or village)

Area 100-363 Barrett's Mill Road  
residential

Construction Dates or Period 17th through early 20th centuries

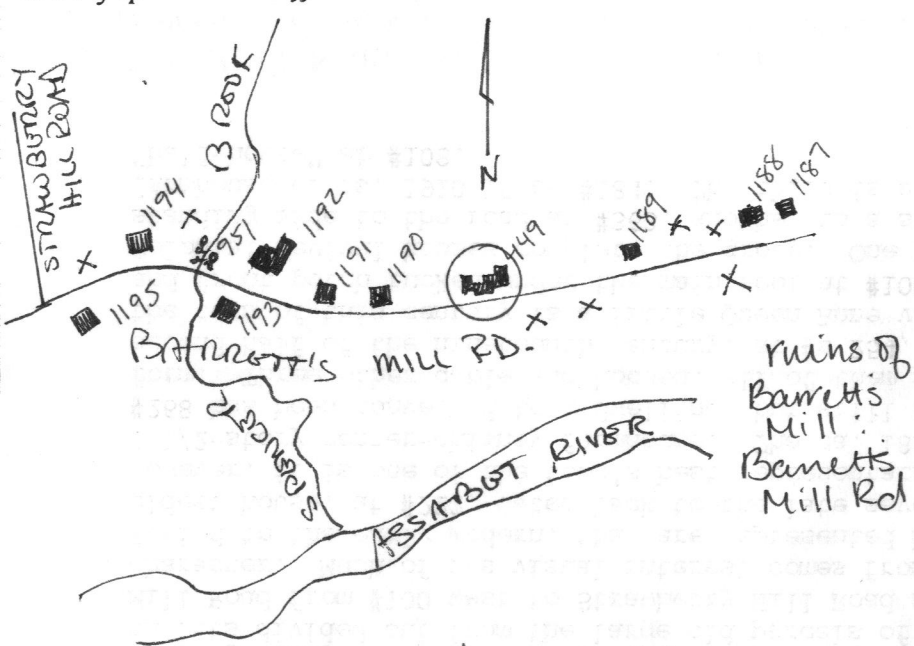
Condition fair to excellent

Structural Additions and Alterations modern houses interspersed

ca. 20 acres

Sketch Map 22a Barrett's Mill Rd (CON. 449)  
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  
Recorded by A. Forbes  
research by Susan Sekuler  
for Concord Histor. Comm.  
Organization  
Date (month/day/year) June, 1992



NOTE: CIRCLED PROPERTY APPEARS ON INDIVIDUAL FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet**Describe architectural, structural and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.*

Although many of its houses are altered, and several modern houses have been built on lots divided out from the large old parcels of land, the area along Barrett's Mill Road from #100 west to Strawberry Hill Road still retains much of its historic character. Much of its visual interest comes from the many periods, from the First Period to the early modern, that are represented by its buildings. Part of the oldest house, at #222, dates back to the late seventeenth century. Today, however, it is one of the town's best representatives of the mid-eighteenth-century 2 1/2-story center-chimney farmhouse. The ca. 1850 District #5 Schoolhouse at #268 has been converted to a dwelling, but still retains its general gable-end form. Three other gable-end houses, all of them somewhat altered, remain from the second half of the nineteenth century, at #s 254, 286, and 295. Dating from the turn of this century is a little Queen Anne vernacular cottage with shed dormer and front porch tucked under the main roof at #100. Three early-twentieth-century Colonial Revival houses complete the group. One is a three-bay Cape Cod cottage standing side to the road at #363, another is a simple three-bay, two-story farmhouse of ca. 1910-15 at #184. The third is a copy of a three-bay two-story "half-house" at #108.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet**Explain historical development of the area. Discuss how this area relates to the historical development of the community.*

The development of this section of Barrett's Mill Road is associated both with the farms along it that were operated from the late seventeenth through early twentieth centuries, and with one of Concord's earliest industrial enterprises, the mill complex on Spencer Brook. William Spencer of Cambridge, who accompanied Simon Willard at the purchase of Musketaquid from the Indians in 1635, was the first owner of much of the land here, and Spencer's Brook is named for him. His agents or tenants developed the mill privilege for him, and a grist mill was standing on the brook by 1684. From the eighteenth through much of the nineteenth century both the gristmill and a ca. 1730 sawmill were run here by members of the Barrett family. At the time of the Revolution it was Deacon Thomas Barrett and his son Samuel who were the proprietors. They established a gunshop on the premises, utilizing the available machinery and water power. Samuel Barrett's son, also Samuel, succeeded him. After his death, his heirs sold the mills to Daniel Angier, who in about 1880 built the house west of the brook at #344 for his residence. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: Brown survey, 1754; 1830, 1852, 1856, 1875, 1889, 1906.  
 Keyes/Tolman.  
 Town directories and tax files.  
 Interviews with owners, 1992  
 Wheeler House Files.  
 Walcott, "Titles."  
 Jarvis.  
Concord Chronicle.

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

## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORD100-363 Barrett's Mill Road

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.  
CO 449, 951,  
1187-1195

## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

Part of #344's distinctive barn may remain from the ell of the old Barrett house, which he pulled down, reusing much of the lumber here and in the enlargement of the house of his brother at #699 Lowell Road. Daniel Angier also built up a substantial ice-cutting business on the millpond. In about 1890 he sold the mills to Newton Gross, the ice business to Theophilus Mason, and took to farming, putting up greenhouses to raise cucumbers. He died in 1906. Under Gross both grist and sawmill were active until 1918. He sold them to George A. Baker in 1922.

With the exception of the very early Temple farmhouse at #222, (see individual form for the Temple/Stone/Munroe/Meriam House,) most of the other houses here were built in the mid- to late-nineteenth or early twentieth centuries on small parcels divided out from the old farms. #286, evidently altered and enlarged later in the nineteenth century, was built about 1849-1850. According to Keyes it was the home of carpenter Joseph P. George and his son Lewis. Their carpenter's shop stood directly across the road from the house--it is possible that #295 was made from it, although that may also be the house built in 1890 by Newton Gross (1860-1924), then owner of the mill, for his own residence.

#268 is the old District #5 Schoolhouse. It was built in about 1850 to replace one that stood farther west at the corner of today's Strawberry Hill Road. After the district schoolhouses were discontinued in the latter part of the nineteenth century it was converted first to a social hall, then enlarged to a dwelling. In the 1880's a group called the Social Entertainment Club of Concord used it for dances, plays, concerts, and suppers.

Of the later buildings here, #100 appears to have belonged in 1906 to either salesman Francis H. Clark or "A. Ferguson", and a house in about the location of #108 to Theophilus Mason of #625 Lowell Road. Warren D. Mason was apparently the owner of #254, and carpenter Edward Lapham of #268. By that time #286 is shown as the property of farmer John Gates, although deeds show that in 1893 that property had been bought by Edward Lapham from Lewis George. Further research will be necessary to find out more about the twentieth-century owners of all these properties. #363 was built in 1933 by author and naturalist Laurence Richardson. He wrote Concord Chronicle, and The Concord River.



## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORD100-363 Barrett's Mill Road

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.  
CO 1187-1195;  
449, 951

## AREA DATA SHEET

(Asterisk indicates property is covered on an individual form)

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	description	approximate date	condition
1187 F6-1648	100 Barrett's Mill Road	Queen Anne cottage Wide synthetic siding; rubble foundation.	ca. 1900-1910	fair
1188 F6-1649-2	108 Barrett's Mill Road	Colonial Revival "half-house" Clapboard; rubble foundation.	ca. 1910	good
1189 F7-1655	184 Barrett's Mill Road	Colonial Revival 2-story house Synthetic siding; rubble foundation.	ca. 1910-15	fair
* 449 F6-1654	222 Barrett's Mill Road	Georgian Vernac. 2 1/2-story house with first period interior. Clapboard; fieldstone and granite foundation.	1671/mid-18th C.	good
1190 F7-1657	254 Barrett's Mill Road	Queen Anne vernacular 2-story house Clapboard; rubble foundation. Two additions; exterior chimney added.	ca. 1900	fair
1191 F6-1658	268 Barrett's Mill Road	2 1/2-story, gable-end to street Clapboard; granite foundation; slate roof. Schoolhouse, converted to house.	ca. 1850	fair
1192 F6-1659	286 Barrett's Mill Road	2 1/2-story gable-end house Clapboard; fieldstone foundation.	ca. 1849-50	good
951 F6-1956-2	off Barrett's Mill Road	ruins of mill and mill race Fieldstone and granite block foundations, walls, and races.	17th century and later	deteriorated
1193 F7-1662	295 Barrett's Mill Road	1 1/2-story, 2-bay gable-end cottage. Clapboard; brick and concrete block foundation.	1890	fair
1194 F6-1661	344 Barrett's Mill Road	2-story 3-bay house with twin ridge chimneys, paired facade entries. Italianate vernacular. synthetic siding; brick foundation.	ca. 1880	fair
1195 F7-1950-1	363 Barrett's Mill Road	Col. Revival Cape Cod cottage Shingle; concrete foundation.	ca. 1933	good

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USGS- CONCORD  
SECTION - A.

1187 - 100 BARRETT'S MILL RD (ALSO AREA DT -  
LHD - 10/10/72)

1188 - 108 BARRETT'S MILL RD (ALSO AREA DT -  
LHD - 10/10/72)

1189 - 184 BARRETT'S MILL RD (ALSO AREA DT -  
LHD - 10/10/72)

1190 - 254 BARRETT'S MILL RD (ALSO AREA DT -  
LHD 10/10/72)

1191 - 268 BARRETT'S MILL RD (ALSO AREA DT -  
LHD 10/10/72)

1192 - 286 BARRETT'S MILL RD (ALSO AREA DT -  
LHD 10/10/72)

957 - OFF BARRETT'S MILL RD (ALSO AREA DT -  
LHD 10/10/72)

1193 - 295 BARRETT'S MILL RD (ALSO AREA DT -  
LHD 10/10/72)

1194 - 344 BARRETT'S MILL RD (ALSO AREA DT -  
LHD - 10/10/72)

1195 - 363 BARRETT'S MILL RD (ALSO AREA DT -  
LHD - 10/10/72)



*100 Barnett's Mill Road (CON 1187)*



*184 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1189)*



*108 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1188)*



*254 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1190)*





268 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1191)



295 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1193)



286 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1192)



344 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1194)





344 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1194)



Remains of Barnett's Mill (CON. 951)



363 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1195)



*Remains of Barrett's Mill (CON. 951)*