

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.CQ
Historic Name:	Hillside Avenue - Hill Street Area
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
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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Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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CONCORD

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1200-1211

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CONCORD

Neighborhood or village)

West Concord

Area Hillside Avenue;
Hill Street
Use residential

Construction Dates or Period 1930's

Condition

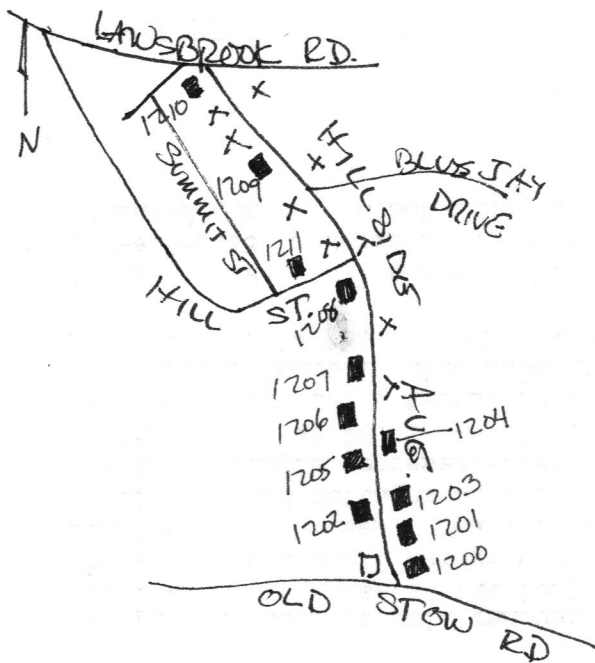
fair to good

Intrusions and Alterations modern

houses interspersed



Sketch Map 6-26 Hillside Ave
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 ca. 8 acres

Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization for Concord Histor. Comm.

Date (month/day/year) June, 1992

CON-15
AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

In spite of considerable renovation and modern infill construction, Hillside Avenue, along with one house at the foot of Hill Street retains much of its original character as a small early-twentieth-century neighborhood of modest, wood-frame, single-family houses. Many of the buildings on the southern half of the street are small Cape Cod cottages of three- to five-bays with Colonial Revival detailing. There are single representatives of other house-types here as well. At the very southern end, at #6, is an altered Craftsman bungalow, at #69 and 59, both on the same property, are a two-story gable-end house and a tiny vernacular cottage. The most unique house is also apparently the earliest on this section--a little 1 1/2-story vernacular house with a steeply-pitched cross-gabled roof at #36.

Among the earliest houses on Hillside Avenue are two at the northern end of the street--#113, a large shingled Bungalow with integral facade porch on a prominent textured-concrete-block base, and #143, a small Four-Square.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

Hillside Avenue is significant as one of several residential streets developed on the periphery of West Concord in the 1920's-'30's, when there was still a demand for new housing near the industries in the western part of town. (See also Upland Road.) A lane linking the old Stow Road with the Harvard Road to Acton (today's Lawsbrook Road) is shown in approximately this position from as early as 1830. In 1907 its line was relocated as a new road for a development planned by E. Squire, who also laid out Hill Street. Squire apparently never built either the proposed roads or houses, however, and the street was not accepted by the town until 1951.

The first few houses here were built in about 1930, at least one of them, #26, supposedly with wood from the East Acton railroad station, which was torn down after it closed in the early 1930's. Several houses, including #'s 21, 26, and probably 51 were built by carpenter James Maguire, who lived at #26 with his wife, Agnes. As in many of Concord's other early-twentieth-century neighborhoods, houses here were often put up by several members of one family, and there were Woods and Purrintons, for instance, in more than one house. Owners of #36 were Arthur and Naomi Wood, who later received the first Concord Citizens of the Year award.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORDHillside Ave.

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.
CQ 1200-1211

AREA DATA SHEET

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	description	condition
1200 C9-2314	6 Hillside Ave.	- gable-end Craftsman Bungalow Wood shakes.	fair
1201 C9-2313	14 Hillside Ave.	- vernacular cottage with deeply- overhanging roof, Federal Revival doorway. Synthetic siding.	fair
1202 C9-2312	21 Hillside Ave.	- 3-bay Cape Cod cottage Wood shingle.	fair
1203 C9-2311	26 Hillside Ave.	- 3-bay Cape Cod cottage Clapboard; arched screened porch on n. end; 8/8 windows.	good
1204 C9-2309	36 Hillside Ave.	- 1 1/2-story vernacular cross-gabled cottage. Clapboard. Shed-roofed front porch; 6/1 and 4/1 windows.	good
1205 C9-2308	41 Hillside Ave.	- 3-bay Cape Cod cottage with paired dormers; Wood shingle. Colonial Revival entry. 8/8 windows.	fair
1206 C9-2307	51 Hillside Ave.	- Cape Cod cottage with asymmetrical 4-bay facade. Clapboard. 6/6 windows with vertical-board shutters.	good
1207 C9-2304	59 Hillside Ave.	- tiny vernacular 1-story 3-bay cottage Clapboard. 2/1 windows. (DEMOLISHED)	fair
1208 C9-2304	69 Hillside Ave.	- 2-story gable-end vernacular house Wood shingle and asbestos. 2/1 windows.	fair
1209 C9-2293-1	113 Hillside Ave.	- Craftsman/Q. Anne bungalow with gabled roof extended over facade porch, shed-roof dormer across front. Prominent textured concrete-block foundation. Wood shingle.	fair

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1210 C9-2282	5 High St. 143 Hillside Ave.	- small 3-bay Four-Square Wood shakes. Hip-roofed enclosed side porch; Colonial Revival entry hood; 8/8 windows.	fair
1211 C9-2297	20 Hill Street	- 1 1/2-story 3-bay cottage with 2-bay extension. Wood shakes. 6/1 windows.	fair



20 Mill Street (CON. 1211)



26 Hillside Avenue (CON. 1203)



21 Hillside Avenue (CON. 1202)



36 Hillside Avenue (CON. 1204)



41 and 51 Hillside Avenue (CON. 1205
and CON. 1206)



113 Hillside Avenue (CON. 1209)



59 and 69 Hillside Avenue (CON. 1207
and CON. 1208)



143 Hillside Avenue (CON. 1210)