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Inventory No:	CON.CS
Historic Name:	Barrett's Mill Road Streetscape II
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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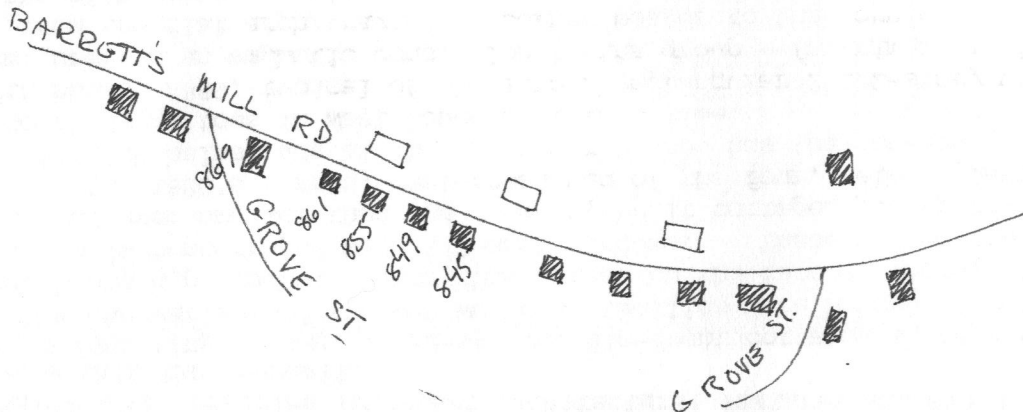
West Concord

Street Name Barrett's Mill Rd.Addresses (inclusive) 845, 849, 855, 861, and 869

DESCRIPTION

Original Date or Period Late 1890'sDominant Architectural Styles Vernacular VictorianOther Intrusions noneAlterations Attached garage at #835, rear ell at #869Acreage Approximately 3/4 acre.

Sketch Map: Draw map of street, clearly showing all buildings; indicate street addresses for all buildings; identify intrusions.
Indicate north.



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

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NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other streetscapes within the community.

A row of four tiny, 2-bay, 1 1/2-story gable-front cottages at #845-861 Barrett's Mill Rd. show one variant of the way workers' families were housed in West Concord in the 1890's. Each has a polygonal 1-story bay window on the facade, a small 1-story ell on each side, and is fenestrated with 2/2-sash windows. These houses are squarer in proportion, and even smaller than the cottages put up for mill workers on Conant St. in the 1880's. #855, best-preserved of the four, retains lathe-turned columns and straight-stick balustrade at the entry porch, and has the paneled, single-paned "cottage door" ubiquitous in West Concord at this time.

A fifth house, #869, typical of the larger rectangular 2 1/2-story version of this house form, creates an emphatic conclusion to the group. In trim it is identical to the cottages, from the flat architraves and corner boards to the cornice returns. Here, however, the silhouette is enlivened by a veranda to the left, (now enclosed), and by two bay windows, one placed diagonally across the northwest corner.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain historical importance of streetscape and how the streetscape relates to the development of the community.

Before its subdivision in 1892 as part of George Russell and Joseph Scott's Riverside Park development, this section of Barrett's Mill Rd. had been open farmland. With the extension of the Middlesex Central Railroad to the prison in 1879, however, and especially with the ensuing construction of an engine house, turntable, and depot/hotel at the northwest end of Barrett's Mill Rd., it formed a logical site for housing for railroad workers and their families. Small, simple, economical cottages such as those in this group and on neighboring Grove St. were built to meet just such a need.

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845-861 Barnett's Mill Road



869 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1773)



855 Barnett's Mill Road (CON. 1771)