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Inventory No:	CON.DF
Historic Name:	Derby Streetscape
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	West Concord
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Residential District; Workers Housing
Significance:	Architecture; Community Planning
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	



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FORM G - STREETSCAPE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116



AREA

FORM NO.

FD	259
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Town

West Concord

Street Name

Derby Street

Addresses (inclusive)

11-45 (E. side)

DESCRIPTION

General Date or Period

1890's

Predominant Architectural Styles

Late Greco/Italianate vernacular.

Major Intrusions

None

Alterations

Early 20th-century entry
porches; mid-20th century asbestos and
wood shingle siding. #17/19 rebuilt—1904.

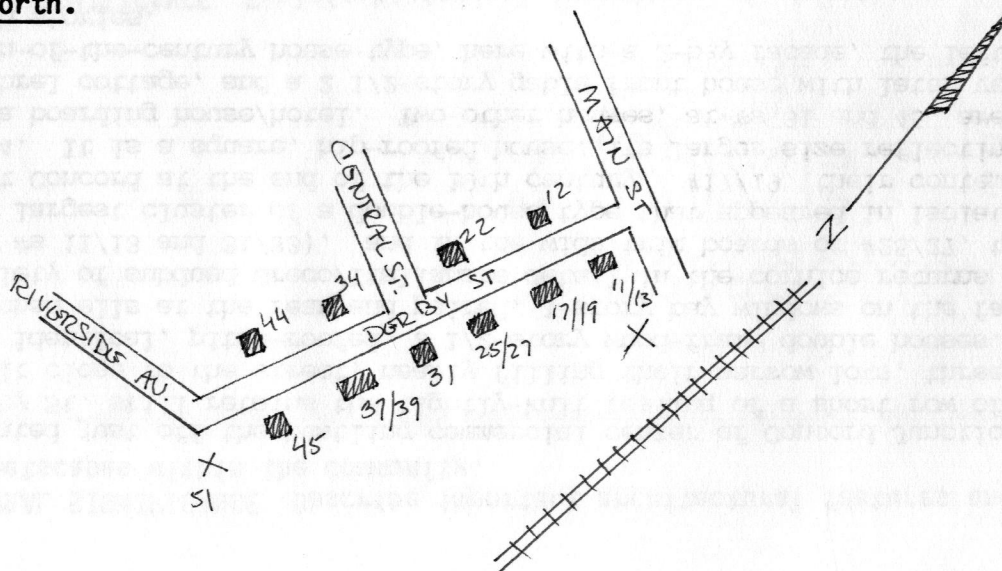
Acreage

Approx. 2 acres.

11-27 Derby Street

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

Indicate north.



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE

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SCALE

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Date

2/1/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

Located just off the bustling commercial center of Concord Junction, the east side of Derby St. still retains the tightly-knit feeling of a short row of 1890's worker housing. Built close to the street, nearly filling their narrow lots, three of the six structures are identical, pitch-roofed, 2 1/2-story wood-frame double houses. They have 1-story kitchen ells at the rear and paired, 1-story bay windows on the facade. Displaying a variety of subdued Greco/Italianate detail in the cornice returns and molded architraves, (at #s 11/13 and 31/33), and in the wide trim boards of #25/27, these three houses form the largest cluster of a double-house type that appeared in isolated examples all over West Concord at the end of the 19th century. #17/19, their contemporary, was rebuilt in 1904. It is a square, hip-roofed house, its larger size reflecting its original function as a boarding house/hotel. Two other houses, at #s 31 and 45, are a ca. 1905 2-story gambrel cottage, and a 2 1/2-story gable-front house with later veranda--a common turn-of-the-century house-type, here with a 2-bay facade, the left-hand windows paired on both stories.

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

Derby St. was the first street in the 1874 "Derby Addition" to be filled with rental housing, with all its double houses, and #17/19, the "Maple Hotel," standing by the early 1890's. Early Derby St. residents were largely employees at the Boston Harness Company, the Fitchburg Railroad, and the small stores at Concord Junction. Built by independent investors, (one of whom was postmaster, store-owner, and later real-estate developer Loring Fowler, who lived for a time at #27,) the street is representative of the speculative nature of much of West Concord's worker's housing by the 1890's.

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11-13 Dorsey Street (CON. 1528)



25-27 Dorsey Street (CON. 1532)



37-39, 45 Dorsey Street (CON. 1535) (CON. 1537)