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Inventory No:	CON.DH
Historic Name:	Central Streetscape
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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FORM G - STREETScape

AREA

FORM NO.

FDH	201
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West Concord

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
90 BAYLSTON STREET

TOWN

Street Name Central St.Addresses (inclusive) 86-150

DESCRIPTION

General Date or Period ca. 1900-1920's

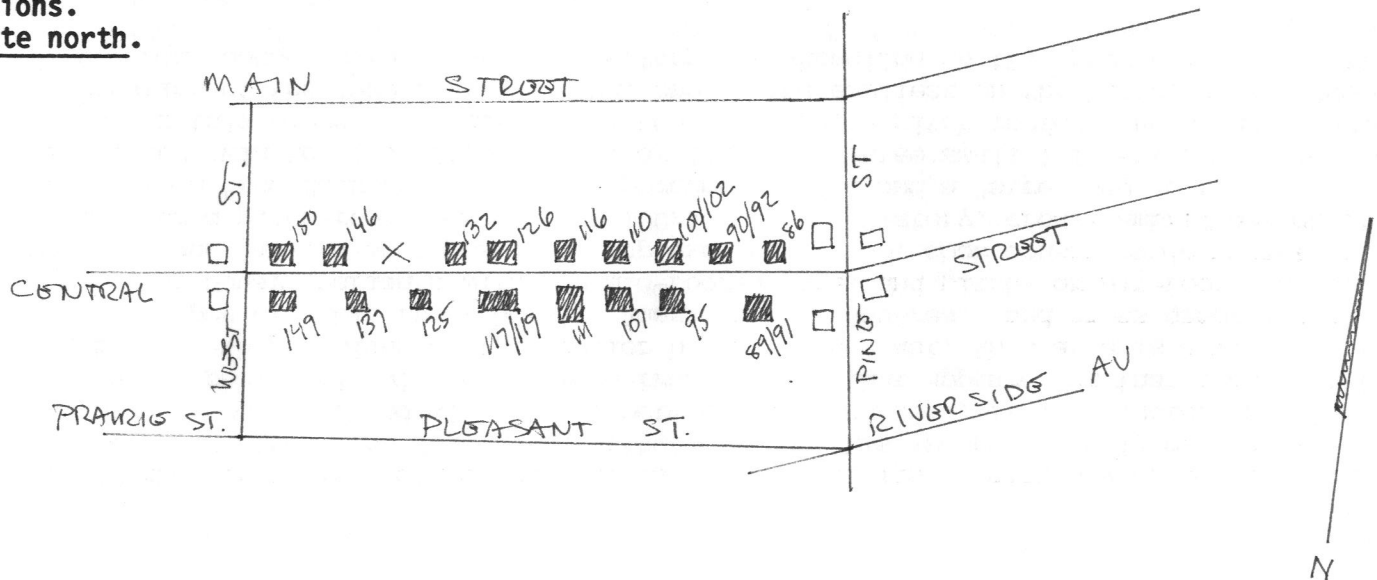
Dominant Architectural Styles

Gable-front vernacular, Four Square,
Colonial RevivalMajor Intrusions 140 Central--mid-20thcentury house

Alterations

Synthetic siding on six
houses; porch enclosures or alterations
on eightAcreage Approximately 3 acres.116 and 110 Central Street
(CON. 1558 and CON. 1556)

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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Recorded by

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Organization

for Concord Hist. Comm.

Date

3/10/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

If the first block of Central St. is notable for its consistency of house design, (see Form # : Central/Pine Sts.,) the streetscape of this second block is marked by its variety. Largely filled with houses between 1900 and 1917, it illustrates the wide range of house-types, still within the wood-frame idiom, that appeared at that time. Instead of the L- or T-shaped plans of the earlier block to the east, this area is a mixture of several types of gable-front houses, American Four-Squares, and cross-gambrel designs. Three Four-Square variants with pyramid-roofed cores and pitch- or hip-roofed ells, (at 95, 100, and 149), also appear. The duplexes here, too, show considerable variety of form--from a pitch-roofed example at 100/102, a 2 1/2-story, cross-gambrel design at 90/92, to a "two-decker" with double porches at 111, and a "stretched Four-Square", hip-roofed twin to 31/33 Highland St, at 117-119. Three small 1 1/2-story cottages also appear on this block--a cross-gambrel house at 116, a pitch-roofed stucco and shingle combination of the 1920's at 137, and, one of the earliest on the block, a ca. 1900 Queen Anne L-plan house, with decorative rectangular shingling on the upper half-story, at 146.

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

Although a few houses here were built as residences for their owners, this streetscape gives a good illustration of the house-types favored by small-time, local speculators who owned one or two houses to rent as investment properties. The two-family house designs found here are rare in West Concord: the hip-roofed, "stretched Four-Square" at 117/119 is one of only three in town; even more unusual for Concord are 90/92 and 111, which are divided horizontally, echoing the two- and "three-decker" designs of the more populous city and suburban neighborhoods of the time.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

West Concord

Form No:

F. DH

Property Name:

Central St.

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.



89/91 and 95 Central Street (CON. 462 and CON. 1553)



117/119 Central Street (CON. 1559)

Sample to Inventory form at bottom