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



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FORM G - STREETSCAPE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET

AREA	FORM NO.
FD	265
West Concord	



Town _____

Street Name Prairie St.

Addresses (inclusive) 76 through 96

Description _____

Original Date or Period Ca. 1906-08

Dominant Architectural Styles Queen Anne, Gambrel and Four-Square

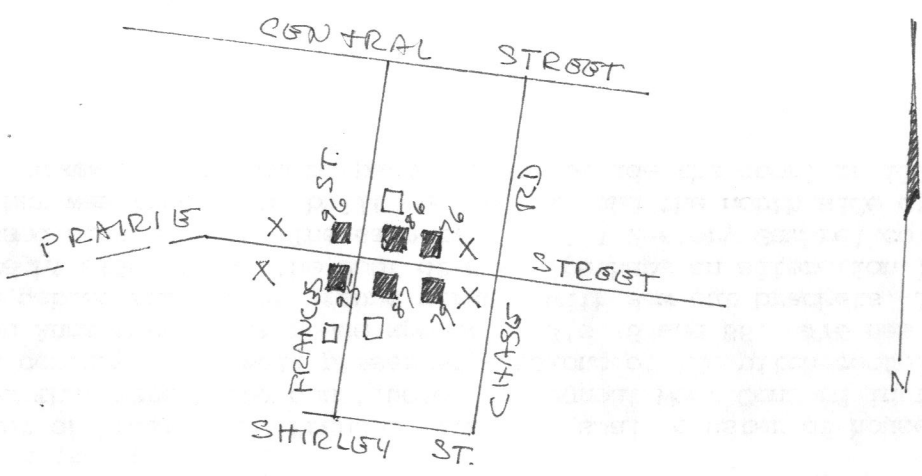
Other Intrusions None

Alterations 1-story addition and enclosed vestibule, #79

Acreage Approximately one acre

79, 87, 95 Prairie Street (CON. 1647, CON. 1649, CON. 1650)

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 _____

Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization for Concord Hist. Comm.

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.

At the corner of Prairie and Frances St.s is a small cluster of houses illustrating three house-types that were being constructed throughout West Concord in the first decade of the twentieth century. Two well-preserved versions of the pitch-roofed, T-plan, gable-front Queen Anne vernacular house appear at #'s 76 and 86; #76 has decorative shingling in the gables and a wrap-around veranda with saw-cut brackets, lathe-turned columns, and straight-stick rail; the roof of #86, (perhaps an alteration,) sweeps down to shelter an enclosed side porch. The same type of 1 1/2-story Gambrel cottage with facade veranda that was then being built on Pond St. and the north side of Lawsbrook Rd., here widened to accommodate a diamond-paned window beside the door, is illustrated at #s 79, 87, and 95.

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

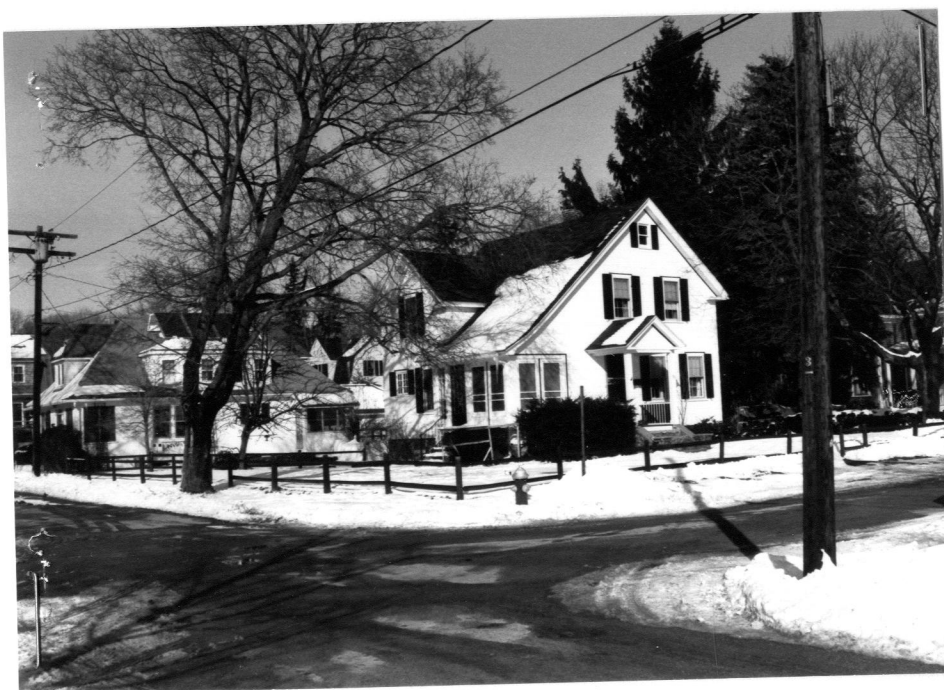
The six houses at the intersection of Prairie and Frances Streets were the first to be built south of Main St. in the later extension of the neighborhood that had begun with the 1874 division of Benjamin Derby's farmland. Houses in this western section were built in response to the need created by the new or growing industries at both Concord Junction and Westvale from 1905 through the 1930's, and their construction solidified the link of these two West Concord villages into one continuous community. Notable here is the fact that three of the six were occupied by Reformatory employees, who by this time were well-represented in every section of West Concord except Westvale and Harness Shop village.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1927.
The Concord Directory, 1909-10.



76 Prairie Street (CON.1646)



86 Prairie Street (CON.1648)