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Inventory No:	CON.DM
Historic Name:	Main Streetscape VII
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

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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West Concord

Town

Main St.

Street Name

Addresses (inclusive) 1031-1065

Photos (3"x3" or 3"x5" black and white)
Indicate street addresses for
buildings shown on back of each
photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

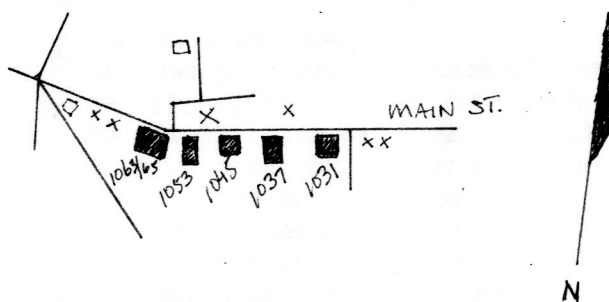
General Date or Period Ca. 1860's
to 1900Predominant Architectural Styles
Victorian and Queen Anne vernacular

Major Intrusions none

Alterations Synthetic siding at 1031,
1053, and 1063/65

Acreage Approximately 1 1/4 acres

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 5/20/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

This charming little group consists of five vernacular gable-front houses. The earliest is a simple 1 1/2-story example of ca. 1860-70 at #1053, with four later through-cornice dormers and vertical board trim with saw-toothed lower edge at the pitched entry hood that is identical to the trim on the verandas at 37-55 Crest St. #s 1031, 1037, and 1045 are 2 1/2-story, vernacular Queen Anne houses, with octagonal wrap-around verandas. #1037, built between 1887 and 1891, is the earliest of the three; #s 1031 and 1045, of late-1890's date, were originally an identical pair. #1045 still retains rectangular and scalloped decorative shingling on its upper story and in the pediment of its veranda; #1037's veranda also has a shingled pediment. #1063/65, built ca. 1900-1910, is a 2 1/2-story hybrid Queen Anne/Colonial Revival double house with pedimented gable and dormers, and four 2-story, polygonal bays--two on the facade, and one on each side.

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

This section of Main St. contains the earliest houses built on land developed by the Sheehan family. By 1875, D.W. Sheehan lived at #1053, and at least a portion of the land on which 1031-1045 are located belonged to him. By 1891, Michael Burke of Westvale had built #1037.

The double house at #1063/65, however, was part of the 1899 subdivision of land belonging to Jeremiah Sheehan, the farmer and building contractor who owned the old Hosmer farm across Main St. During the 1890's Jeremiah Sheehan regularly advertised houses "to let" near the Boston Harness Co. Since he was a building contractor as well as a farmer, this would lead one to conclude that #1063/65, at least, was put up by him to rent to factory workers. In addition, the houses at #'s 1031 and 1037 Main St. have cut granite foundations that are quite similar to several on Crest St. built by Sheehan. This suggests that some portions of these two houses, at least, were built by Sheehan himself who quarried stone from his land.

Jeremiah Sheehan represented West Concord on the Board of Selectmen, and was influential in many West Concord affairs, including the founding of both the Union Church and Our Lady Help of Christians, and the building of the Concord Junction depot and Association Hall. In 1889, he also helped lure the Boston Harness Co. to its Main St. site by offering two acres of his land to anyone who would build a factory at Concord Junction.

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Interviews with owners, and with Mary Dalton and Margaret Crosby, 1988.



1031 - 1045 Main Street



1063-65 Main Street (CON. 1726)



1045 Main Street (CON. 1724)