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Inventory No:	CON.DO
Historic Name:	Main Streetscape VIII
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; Politics Government
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.
D, DO	226

West Concord

Town _____

Street Name _____ Main St.

Addresses (inclusive) _____ 1486-1596

(13 houses)

DESCRIPTION

General Date or Period _____ 1860's-1910

Predominant Architectural Styles _____ Greco-

Italianate and Queen Anne vernacular.

Major Intrusions _____ Entry road for late 1980's subdivision, on site of third Damon Co. house, (demolished), at #1504.

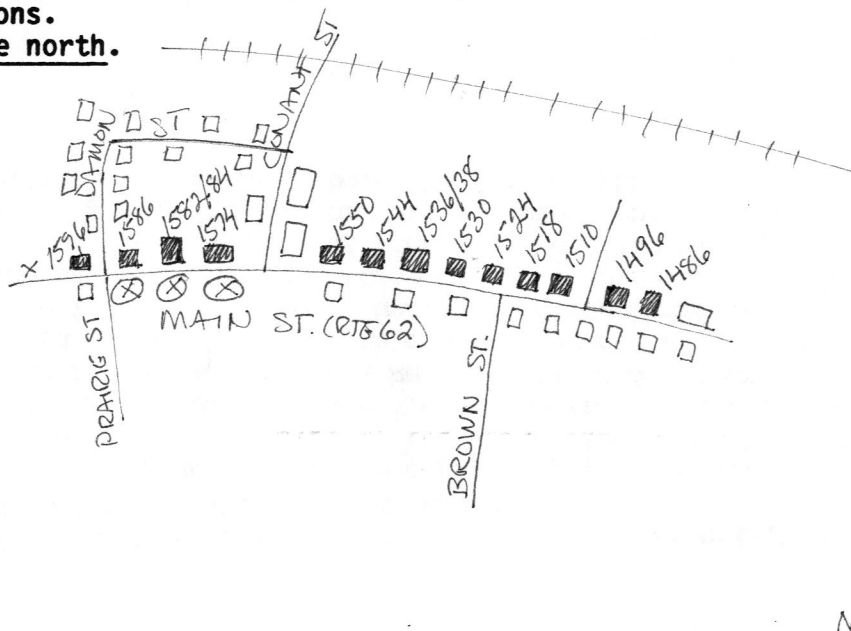
~~1574/76 moved in 1890's (?)~~

Alterations _____ Synthetic siding at 1496, 1518, 1574/76, 1586 and 1596; engine house at #1582 converted to residence.

Acreage _____ Approximately 4 acres.

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.

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 _____ 3/5/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

In contrast to the more high-style, late 19th- and early 20th-century flavor of the houses across the street, the north side of Main St. in Westvale east of the mill is filled with small workers' cottages and double houses. At the east end of the group, the tone is set by three bracketed, gable-and-ell Greco/Italianate knee-wall cottages of the third quarter of the 19th century, echoed at the western end by a similar house of the late 1890's. Two Four-Squares also represent infill of the 1890's, and a small clapboard and shingle Gambrel cottage of ca. 1910 recalls the house-type prevalent on Lawsbrook Rd. at the time. A trio of identical, ca. 1900 1 1/2-story houses unique in West Concord also appears here; they are a gable-front, T-plan design, with decorative shingle filling the gables, above the tops of the windows.

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

This section of Main St. shows how the Damon family business extended its reach east to the very edge of Concord Junction under the period of Damon and Smith management of 1864-76. Several company-owned houses were built during that time, including #'s 1496, 1510, and the demolished 1504, located on the company's "Grove Lot." The double house at #1536 was also built on Damon & Smith property, adjacent to two large company-owned double houses at the head of Conant St. (See Streetscape form # .)

The area also possesses one of the few utilitarian buildings in Westvale remaining from the third quarter of the 19th century. #1582/84, now converted to a dwelling, was originally the "Station #2" engine house, with a hose wagon purchased by the town and manned by Damon & Smith employees. In 1890 it housed "The Lion," a hook and ladder truck that was reputed to have 1400 feet of hose, and could send two streams of water strong enough to go over the highest building in town.

The building at #1574/76 Main may be the main part of the Westvale schoolhouse. By 1866 the schoolhouse occupied a position closer to Conant St.; in 1899, it was split off from its ell, moved "down the road," and converted to a dwelling house.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

W. CONCORD

Form No:

D; DO

Property Name:

1484-1596 Main St.

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

Double houses begin to appear as one approaches the mill area. A pitched-roof, rectangular example of ca. 1870 at #1536/38 is turned with its gable-end to the street, and has a small enclosed entry on either side. Another pitched-roofed double house with Italianate brackets, bay windows, and chamfered posts on the entry porch appears at #1574/76. Next to it, one of West Concord's few nods to the late Gothic Revival appears in the verge boards and sawtoothed, vertical-boarded gable screen of the ca. 1875 engine house at 1582/84.



1550-1524 Main Street



1536/8 - 1524 Main Street



1486 Main Street (con. 1224)



1550-1524 Main Street



1574/6 and 1582/4 Main Street
looking Northwest
(CON. 1237 and CON. 1238)