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Inventory No:	CON.T
Historic Name:	Devens Street Area
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Residential District
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	



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FORM A - AREA

Assessor's Sheets

USGS Quad

Area Letter

Form Numbers in Area

Massachusetts Historical Commission

80 Boylston Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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neighborhood or village)

Concord Center

of Area Devens Street

Use residential

Construction Dates or Period ca. 1880 to 1920's

Condition

good to excellent

Intrusions and Alterations altered

ca. 1880 house at #47

Sketch Map

Devens Street, West side

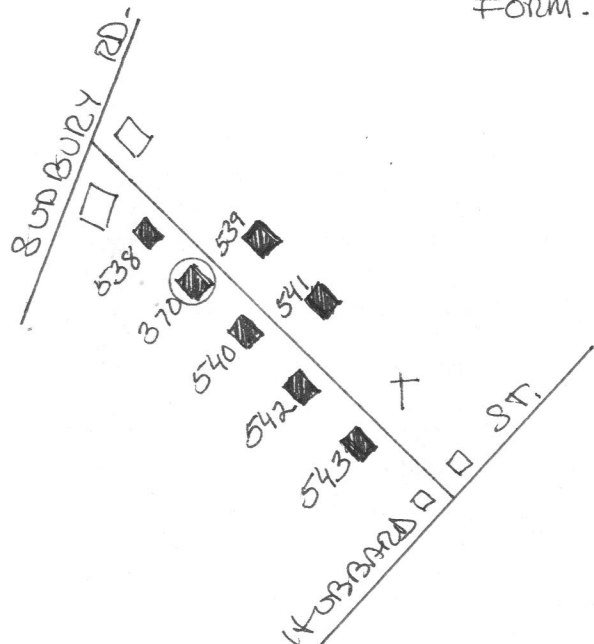
Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.

Acreage ca. 3 acres

Recorded by A. Forbes
additional research by Sherry Warner
Organization for Concord Histor. Comm.

Date (month/day/year) June, 1992

NOTE: CIRCLED PROPERTY HAS AN INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM.



AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☒ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural, structural and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.

Devens Street, in spite of the rebuilding of #47 and the alteration of #39, is still one of Concord center's best illustrations of a short turn-of-the-century side street. Like many neighborhoods of its time, lingering Queen Anne elements are mixed here with the Colonial Revival. The earliest significant house, the altered #39, built ca. 1884, may have been clad in a mixture of clapboards and shingle, as is #52. #52's companion house, #36, is an all-shingle, facade-gabled building with one bow window. Its Tuscan-columned veranda has a saw-cut balustrade that imitates the silhouette of Queen Anne spindlework. #28, with its overhanging upper stories, variety of window forms, elaborate verge-board, and turreted facade porch, is probably the most Queen Anne of all the houses here. #22, however was built slightly earlier. A forerunner of the later Dutch Colonial Revival house type, it uses much Colonial Revival detail in a gable-end, gambrel-roofed format. (Cont.)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☒ *see continuation sheet*

Explain historical development of the area. Discuss how this area relates to the historical development of the community.

Devens Street is significant as an extension of one of Concord's earliest subdivided neighborhoods, the Hubbard Estate Improvement. As such, it illustrates the continuation of one type of residential development that began in both Concord and West Concord in the 1870's. In this case, Samuel Staples and Reuben Rice bought part of Ebenezer Hubbard's former farm southwest of Sudbury Road and divided it into house lots on the new Hubbard Street. Building on the first thirty-seven lots led in turn to the creation of associated side streets leading from Sudbury Road to the new development. Although Elmer Joslin says Devens Street was accepted in 1876, other sources indicate it was not actually cut through until 1880-81, taking one Hubbard Estate lot and a strip of land from the Wheeler farm to the west. The street was named for William H. Devens of 77 Sudbury Road, who in the 1870's owned all the property on the east side of the street.

The earliest buildings here were #s 39 and 47 (the latter now largely rebuilt.) By 1906 all but #44 were standing; #44 was evidently built as an infill house in the 1920's. #22 was built in about 1895 by Henry D. Coolidge of 91 Sudbury Road for his father, Henry James Coolidge. H.J. Coolidge lived there until his death in 1905. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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☐ Recommended as a National Register District. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION, cont.

This street also boasts two extremely well-preserved early-twentieth-century two-story, hip-roofed Colonial Revival houses, at #s 29 and 44. Prominent features of #29 are its wraparound veranda on Tuscan columns, and glass-and-panel entry with undivided sidelights. #44, built as an infill house between 1915 and 1918, is one of Concord's few "drop-sided" houses, and features a wide, sidelighted entry with an open-pedimented hood on square columns. The columns are repeated in an open sun porch on the southwest end.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, cont.

It was subsequently the home of George G. Morrell, teller of the Concord National Bank, Town Treasurer, and Chief of the Fire Department. As maps show both 22 and 28 on the same lot as 91 Sudbury Road, both may have been built for Henry Coolidge. Tolman, however, suggests that #28 was built by F. Alcott Pratt, and in ca. 1915 was owned by Mrs. W.A. Blanchard and occupied by Lewis Keese. #29 was built and occupied by Cyrus Hosmer, Jr., and #39 for his mother, Anna E. Hosmer. #36 was built for Joseph M. Appleby, a clerk in the Concord National Bank, and #52 for the Misses Mary and Fanny Beal. It was later the property of Benjamin Moody of 131 Hubbard Street.

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AREA DATA SHEET

(Asterisk indicates property is covered on an individual form)

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	Approx. date	description	Condition
538 G9-174	22 Devens Street	- ca. 1895	Colonial Revival gambrel-roofed house, gable-end to the street. Clapboard; rubble foundation	good
*370 G9-173	28 Devens Street	- ca. 1896	Queen Anne gable-end house wood shingle; wide conical turret on porch	excellent
539 G9-802	29 Devens Street	- ca. 1900	Colonial Revival 2-story, hip-roofed house. Wood clapboard and shingle; rubble foundation. Wraparound porch on Tuscan columns.	excellent
540 G9-172	36 Devens Street	- ca. 1900	Q. Anne/Col. Revival 2-story house with wide facade gable. Wood shingle; rubble foundation	excellent
541 G9-803	39 Devens Street	- ca. 1885	Queen Anne gable-end house; altered by synthetic siding and garage on facade; brick foundation	fair
542 G9-171	44 Devens Street	- ca. 1920's	2-story, hip-roofed Colonial Revival. Wood "drop siding;" brick foundation.	excellent
543 G9-170	52 Devens Street	- ca. 1900	Q. Anne/Colonial Revival 2-story house; Wood clapboard and shingle; rubble foundation.	good

MHC INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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29 Devens Street (CON. 539)



Devens Street, West Side



36 and 28 Devens Street (CON. 540 and CON. 370)