

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0171

Name, Location, Ownership

- 1. Historic name: J. Eastman – O. Shepard House
- 2. District or area: W. Concord Village
- 3. Street and number: 30 Hutchins St
- 4. City or town: Concord
- 5. County: Merrimack
- 6. Current owner: Dister L. Deoss

Function or Use

- 7. Current use(s): residential/agricultural
- 8. Historic use(s): residential/agricultural

Architectural Information

- 9. Style/type: Italianate
- 10. Architect/builder: Unknown
- 11. Source: n/a
- 12. Construction date: ca. 1862-1865
- 13. Source: owner
- 14. Alterations, with dates: see attached
- 15. Moved? no yes date: _____

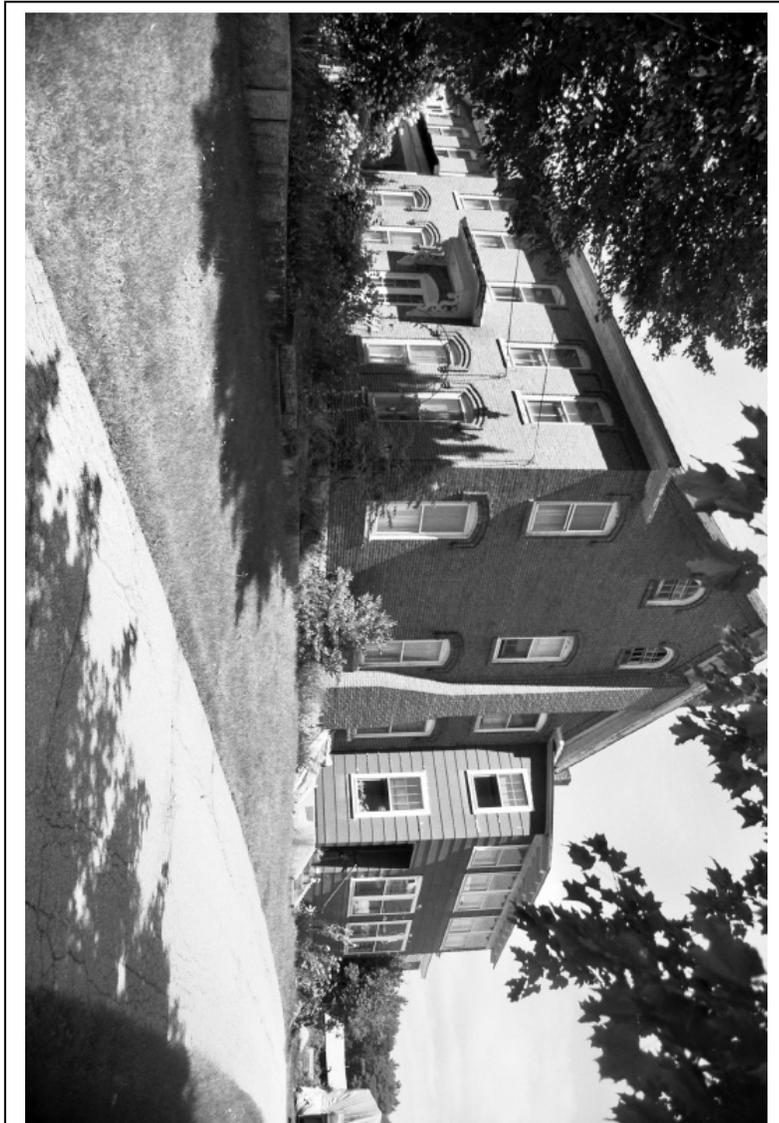
Exterior Features

- 16. Foundation: granite block
- 17. Cladding: brick
- 18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
- 19. Chimney material: brick
- 20. Type of roof: gable
- 21. Chimney location: 4 locations
- 22. Number of stories: 2 1/2
- 23. Entry location: front-center
- 24. Windows: 2/2 and 6/6

Replacement? no yes date: _____

Site Features

- 25. Setting: village
- 26. Outbuildings: 2 barns, 2 garages, 2 sheds
- 27. Landscape features: fields and pasture
- 28. Acreage: 15.5 acres



Description : Main house

- 35. Photo #1
- 36. Date: 8-20-2008
- 37. Roll #1 Frame #18 Direction: NW
- 38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

- 29. Tax map/parcel: 103/4/14
- 30 UTM reference: 19.290880 / 4790950
- 31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Concord, 1:24000

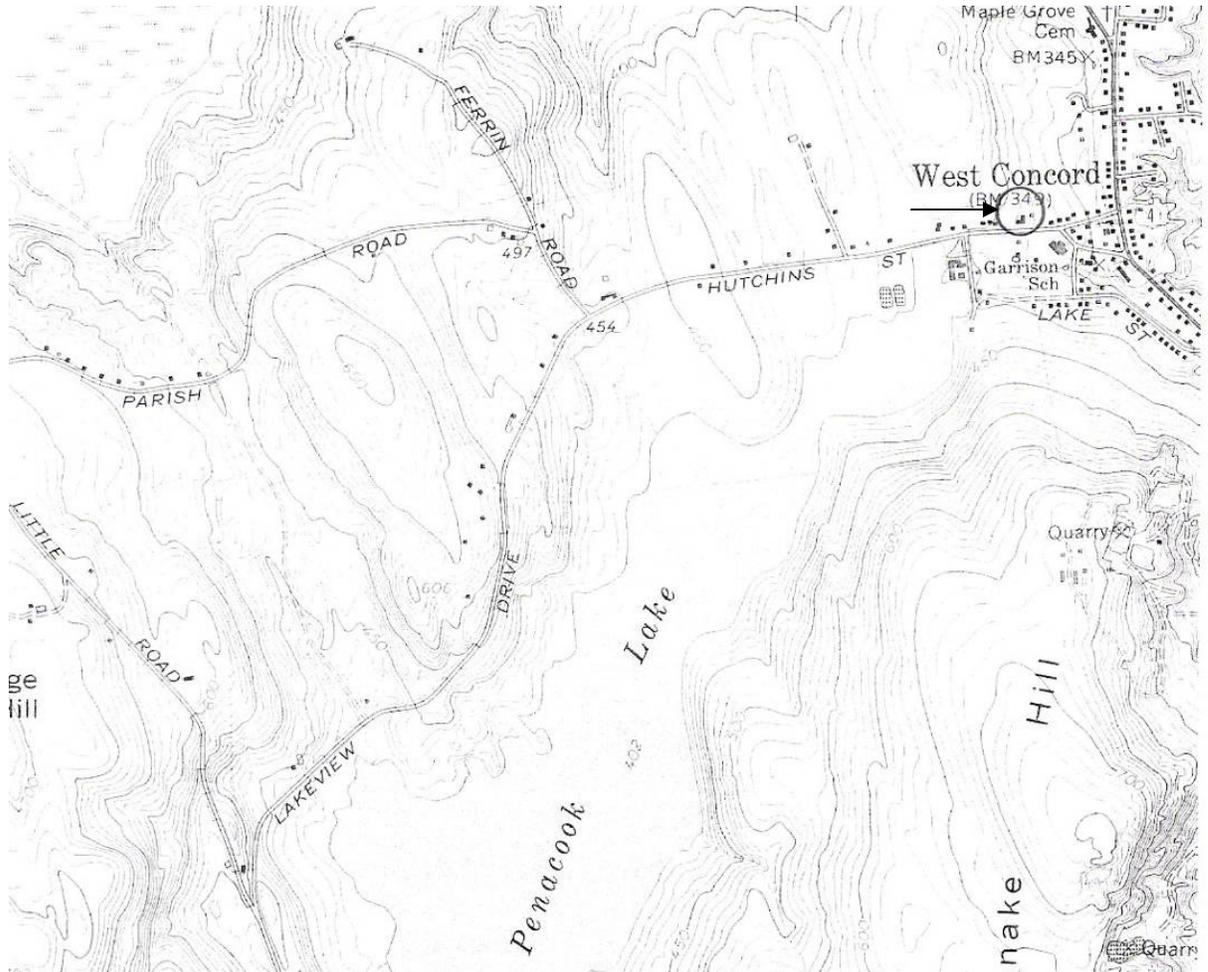
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- 32. Name: Roger C. Hawk
- 33. Organization: for the Concord Heritage Commission
- 34. Date of survey: 8-20-2008

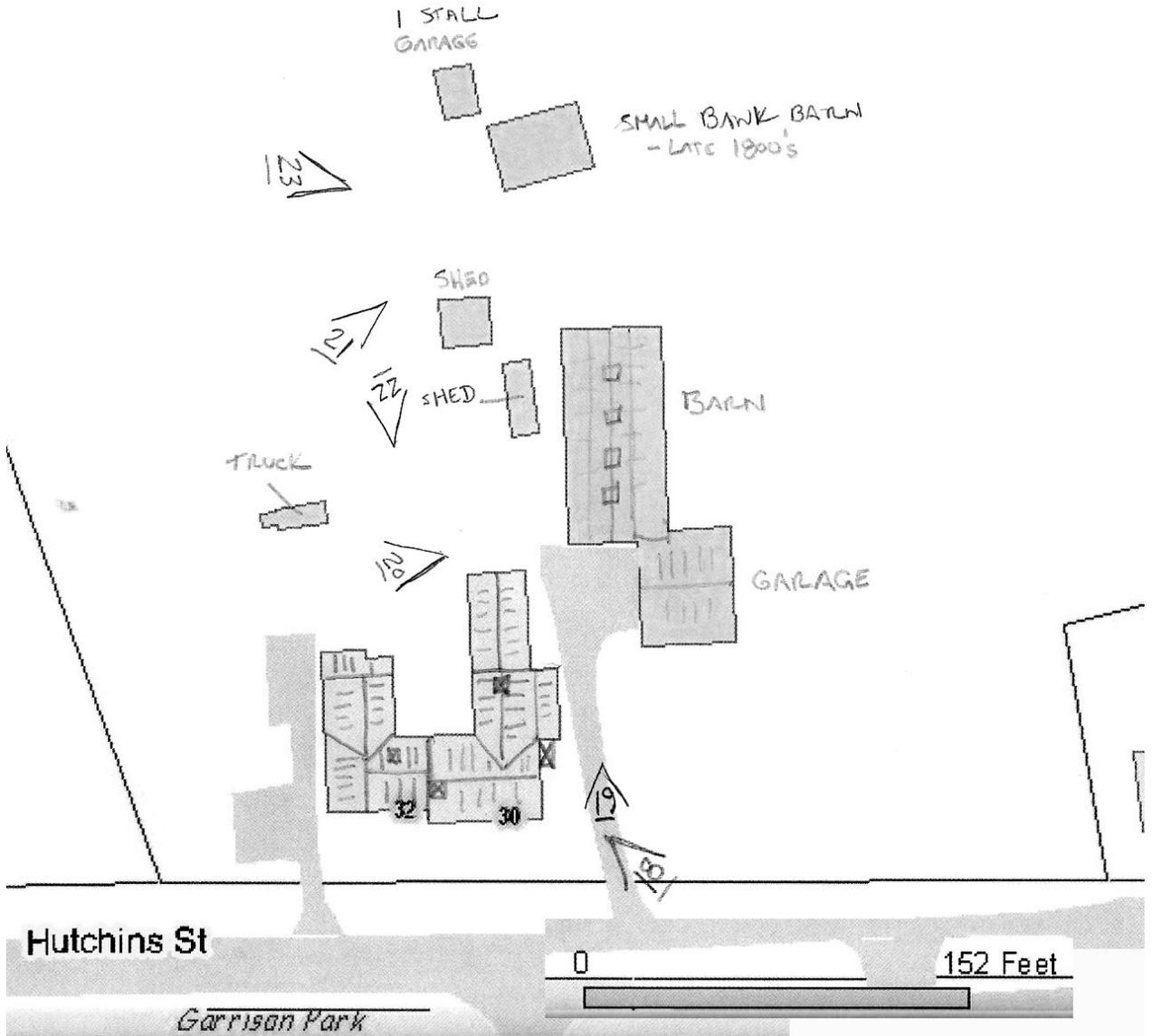
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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



40. PROPERTY MAP & PHOTOGRAPH KEY:



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This form was completed as part of a survey of rural agricultural properties within the City of Concord, a project sponsored by the Heritage Commission. The overall purpose of the project was to raise public awareness of the city's rich agricultural legacy through a combination of identification, education, public policy and preservation planning tools.

Due to limited resources, the survey focused on barns and outbuildings that met all of the following criteria: (1) were sited on at least 10 acres of land; (2) they were located in a fairly rural area and not within the city center or an outlying village; (3) the surrounding land retained historic landscape features, such as open fields, pasture, and stone walls; (4) the outbuildings retained a high level of integrity from their agricultural era. None of the barns on the St. Paul's School campus were included. In addition, a few landmark barns, even if on a small lot, were included. Approximately 45 properties were included in the survey. Whenever possible, an interior inspection of the buildings was undertaken.

The survey was conducted at the reconnaissance-level. Historic background information was acquired from questionnaires sent to each property owner, personal interviews, a review of historic maps, and limited research in local histories. Certainly, additional research data on farms is available from population and, in particular, agricultural census records, and owners are encouraged to pursue those to add to this data base.

When properties were part of a larger, agricultural district, the form locates them as such, and a separate form documenting that historic agricultural neighborhood was prepared.

41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

The house was built by Joseph Eastman and Omar Shepard as a two family home. Eastman lived in the larger, easterly portion and Shepard lived in the western wing. Dister Deoss, the current owner, is the grandson of Joseph Eastman Shepard who inherited the property when Joseph Eastman died. Joseph E. Shepard was a notable fruit grower in Concord, particularly involved with apple culture, and was among the first to practice spraying apple trees, in 1886.¹ He was active in local politics and with the agricultural community. He helped to organize the Penacook Park Grange in West Concord.

Mr. Deoss' father undertook most of the barn and house improvements in the 1940s. Mr. Deoss inherited the property from his father and took over operations on the farm in 1981. In addition to his 15 acres, he leases another 30 acres to the north and hays several other farm fields in the West Concord area. The farm was actively used as a dairy farm after WWII, prior to which it had been used primarily as an apple orchard.

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

- 51. Mixed agriculture and the family farm, 1630-present.
- 54. Orchards and cider production, 1650-present.
- 56. Local-scale dairy farming, 1800-present.

¹ Metcalf and Abbott, 1909: 42.

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43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

House (ca. 1862-65): The brick house was originally constructed as a two family residence: a 5x3, 2½ story main house was one unit and a 4-bay recessed wing at the west end was the second. Both sections, as well as the brick ells, have arched window and door openings and fully arched sash in the attics. The main entrance has an original bracketed door hood. The original corbelled chimneys are either rebuilt or missing. Attached to the east wall of the main house's ell is a 2 story wood-frame addition on the site of a former 1 story porch. The ell has a wood-frame, 2 story extension, converted from a 1½ story woodshed in the mid-20th century. Another wood frame wing was also added on the northwest corner of the original structure during that same time period.



30 Hutchins Street, photographed ca. early 20th century. *Courtesy of the Deoss Family.*

Barn (1946-47): This gambrel roof bank barn has concrete block walls on the lower wall and dimensioned lumber structure above. The ridge line includes 4 metal roof ventilators. The end walls above the eaves are sheathed in asphalt siding. The roof is ribbed metal. The south face has sliding barn doors on both the first and second level. Three 6/6 windows are situated on the gambrel-roof end. The north face has a slider door at ground level and a hinged door to the hay loft. A projecting ridgepole helps to shelter the hay loft door from the weather. The interior structure consists of 8 x 8 posts supporting the second level and a dimensioned lumber roof structure.

Small bank barn (late 19th c.): This 2½ story ribbed seam metal roof structure has a combination of weathered clapboards and asphalt shingle siding. A concrete block foundation supports the westerly portion. A sliding door provides access to the upper level and is located on the west face of the barn.

Garage (early 20th c.): According to the owner, this gable-front, single-stall structure was moved to the current location from elsewhere on the property. There are hinged doors on the south face.

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Shed (c. late 19th c.): This pole barn structure has ribbed seam metal roof and horizontal board siding.

Garage (1945): 3-stall, 1 story garage with a low pitch metal roof. Like the barn, it has concrete block walls to the roof eaves. The east side is exposed at the lower level.

According to Mr. Deoss, the original barn was situated near the southeast corner of the present gambrel-roof barn and an attached poultry house was situated to the east of that, on the approximate site of the present 3-stall garage.

46. Statement of Integrity:

This property represents an intact farmstead with outbuildings that represent continuous agricultural activity from the mid-1800s to the present. The buildings, combined with the pastures and hay fields retain a high level of architectural integrity.

48. Bibliography and/or References:

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Lyford, James O., ed., *History of Concord, NH*. Concord: Rumford Press, 1903, 2 vols.

Metcalf, Henry Harrison and Frances Matilda Abbott. "Shepard, Joseph Eastman," in *One Thousand New Hampshire Notables*. The Rumford Printing Company, 1919.

Interview

Dister Deoss, owner, Fall 2008

Maps, Atlases, Plans and Views

1858 *Map of Merrimack County*. Surveyed by H. E Walling, New York. Published by Smith and Peavey.

1892 *Town and County Atlas of the State of New Hampshire*. Compiled by D. H. Hurd and Co., Boston.

2006 *Aerial Maps*. City of Concord.

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual
 within district

Integrity: yes
 no

NR eligible: individual
 within district
 not eligible
 more info needed

NR Criteria: A
 B
 C
 D
 E

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Photo 2 description: South face of barn with garage to the right and 2 story house wing to the left.
Roll: 1 Frame: #19 Direction: N



Photo 3 description: West side of barn and rear of easterly "L" wing of main house
Roll: 1 Frame: 20 Direction: NE

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Photo 4 description: North side of barn with shed visible to the right and small barn to the left
Roll: 1 Frame: 23 Direction: E



Photo 5 description: Rear of main house showing both 20th century "L" wing extensions
Roll: 1 Frame: 22 Direction: S

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Photo 6 description: Shed in the right front, small bank barn at center and 1 stall garage to the left
Roll: 1 Frame: 21 Direction: NE