

**INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM****NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0169****Name, Location, Ownership**

1. Historic name: White Farm
2. District or area: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Street and number: 52 Fisk Road
4. City or town: Concord
5. County: Merrimack
6. Current owner: John W. & Cynthia Phillips

**Function or Use**

7. Current use(s): Residential, plumbing business
8. Historic use(s): Residential, agricultural

**Architectural Information**

9. Style/type: vernacular Queen Anne
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Construction date: ca. 1893-1900
13. Source: Visual analysis, research
14. Alterations, with dates: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Moved? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exterior Features**

16. Foundation: mortared field stone
17. Cladding: clapboard/scalloped shingles
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: Rear ridgeline
22. Number of stories: 2½
23. Entry location: right front
24. Windows: 2/2

Replacement? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Features**

25. Setting: rural
26. Outbuildings: barn& sheds, shop, garage, corn crib, blacksmith shop, pole barn
27. Landscape features: fields, woodland, brook and power lines
28. Acreage: 18.2 acres



**Description:** Front (south) elevation of house, west elevation of barn

35. Photo #1
36. Date 8/20/2008
37. Roll #1      Frame #30      Direction: NE
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

29. Tax map/parcel: 97/3/2
30. UTM reference: 19.290570 / 4786330
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Concord, 1:24000

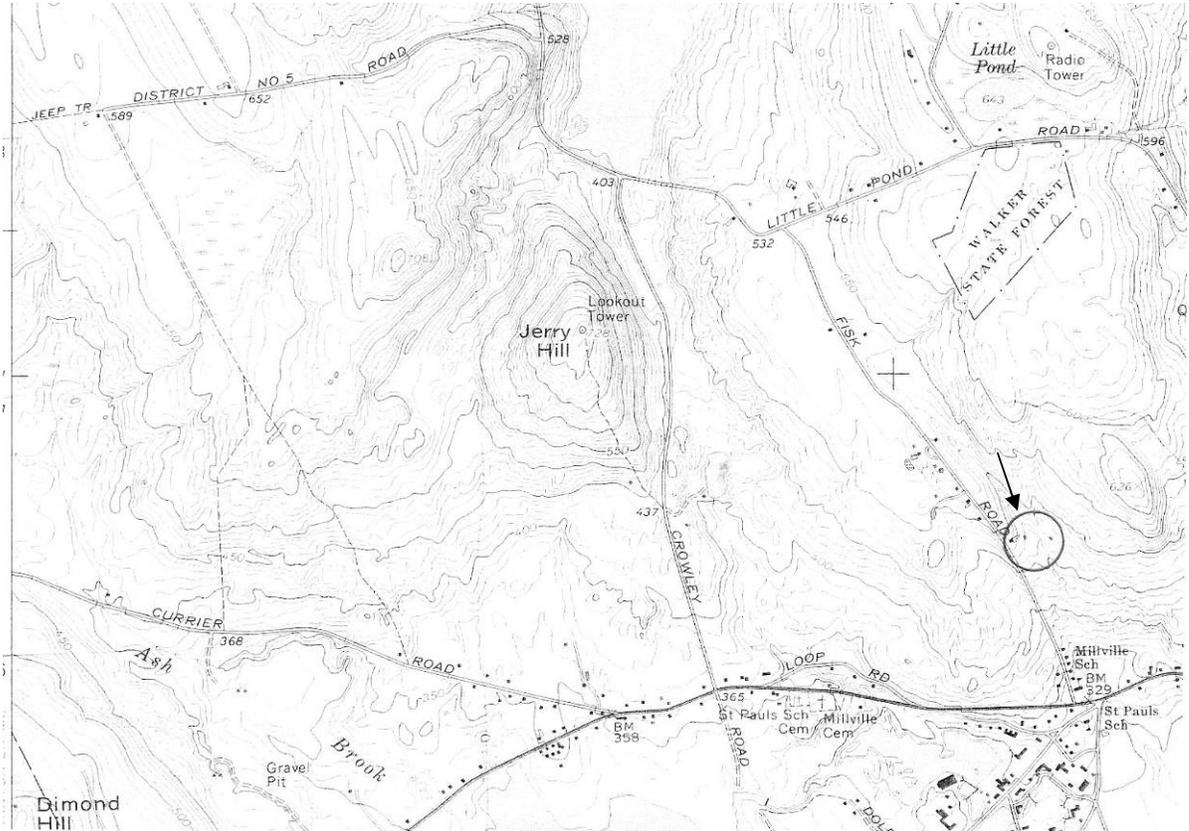
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33. Organization: for Concord Heritage Commission
34. Date of survey: 8/20/2008

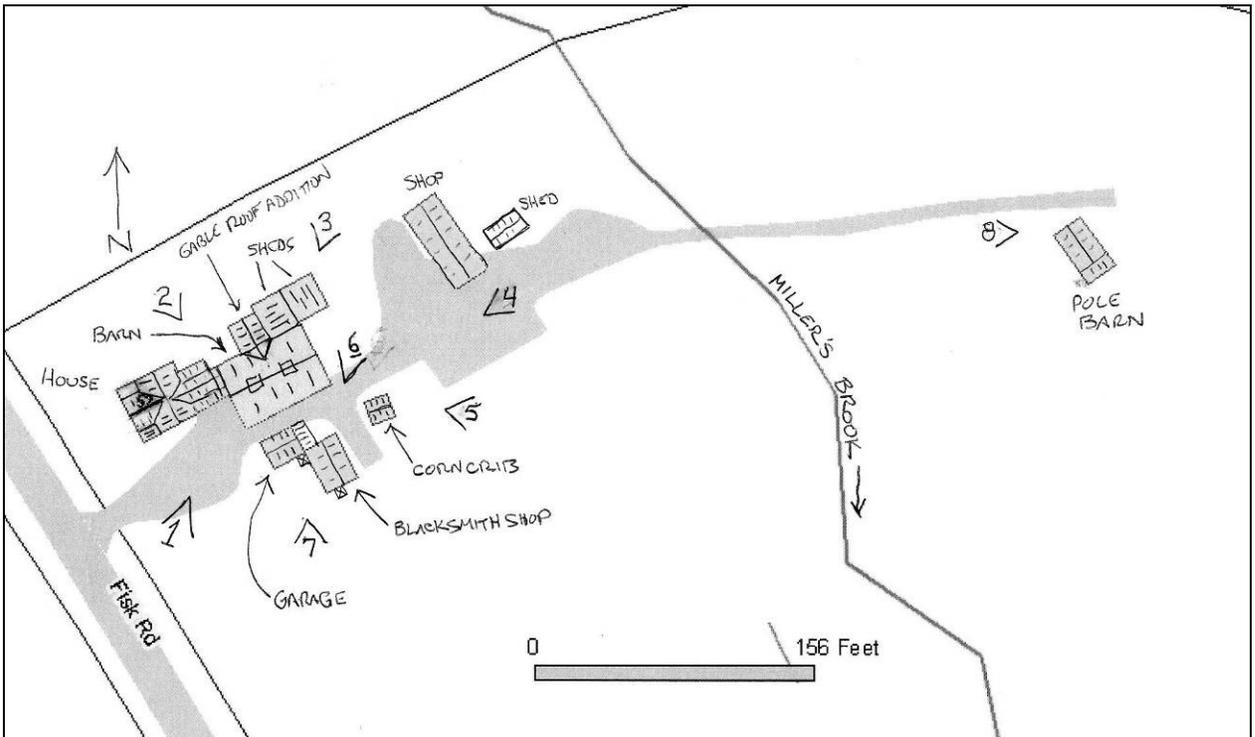
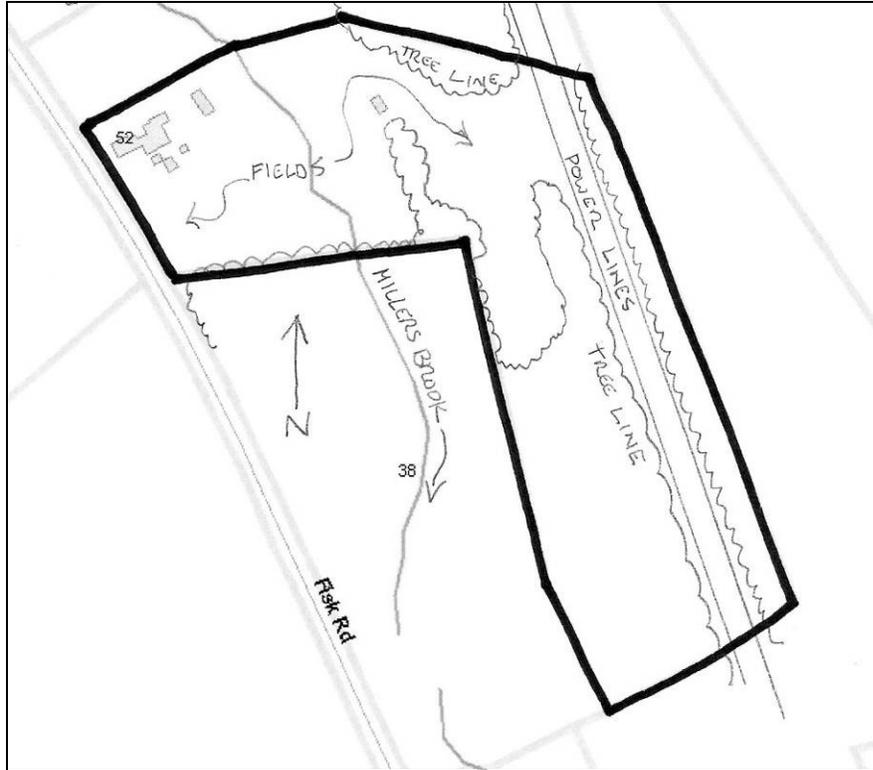
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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



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:**

John Phillips, the current owner, bought the farm from Martin White ca. 1982. Martin White's father was raised by the Shakers in Canterbury and worked at St. Paul's School. Mr. Phillips said that there was some indication that there had been a fire that destroyed the original house and barn before White purchased it and built many of the present structures. Salvaged timbers from the fire could explain the mixture of framing timbers in the barn. The 1858 map depicts two houses, both owned by Abbots, in this location, but the 1892 map shows none, further corroborating the possibility of a fire.

**42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:**

51. Mixed agriculture and the family farm, 1630-present.

**43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:**

House (ca. 1893-1900): This vernacular Queen Anne, 2½ story, cross-gable home is a common example of this era in Concord. It has 2/2 double hung windows and a square Queen Anne sash window on the front (southwest) elevation. Wide cornerboards, window trim and gable returns are present along with wood clapboards and scalloped wood shingles on the gable front. The shed roofed front porch has been enclosed, as has the shed roofed porch connecting the house to the barn on the southerly side.

Barn (ca. 1893-1900): This gable front bank barn has a combination of foundation materials including granite block, poured concrete and concrete block, suggesting a variety of maintenance efforts over time. The lower level is framed with post and beam timbers. The upper levels and roof are framed with 2x dimensioned lumber. The barn has wood clapboard siding on the west and south sides and vertical barnboards on the north and east sides. The asphalt shingled gable roof includes two large metal ridge

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ventilators and a ridgepole hay track and a hinged hayloft door on the east side. Sliding barn doors are present on all but the north side. An unusual 45 degree angled, divided “dutch” door provides access to the lower level from the southeast corner. The lower level of the barn retains many elements of a cow milking parlor and horse stalls.

**Gable Roof Addition (possibly pre-dates barn):** A two story gable roof addition is centered on the north wall of the barn. This addition has a stone foundation, asphalt roof, vertical board siding with wood shingle siding in the north gable end. The roofline of this addition does not intersect with the roof of the main barn, instead there is a built up cricket on the main barn roof to deflect water from the south wall of this structure. Based on the framing details, this structure may pre-date the main barn.

**Shed Roof Extensions (ca. mid-20<sup>th</sup> century):** Two shed roof additions have been constructed off the northern corner of the barn. The earlier of these additions lies in the corner between the barn and the gable roof addition. It has a stone foundation, vertical barn board siding and a formed metal roof. The second shed addition connects to the main barn at its northeast corner. This addition rests on a concrete block foundation. It is also clad with a formed metal roof and vertical barnboard siding. The southerly face of this addition has two openings to house tractors and other equipment. Both shed additions have 2 x 4 stud construction.

**Garage (ca. 1920s):** This 1½ story, gable front, 2 stall garage has hinged garage doors and a lower level accessed from the back (easterly) side. It sits on a mortared fieldstone foundation. It is clad with clapboards and asphalt roofing and includes a small metal ventilator centered on the roof ridge. A single double-hung window is situated in the gable end of the west face. Three 12/12 replacement windows line the main level of the east face with a single 12/12 window in the gable peak. Two, 6-light fixed sash are located on the south face. A single story shed roof addition to the lower level is situated on the east side of the garage and connects the garage to the adjacent blacksmith shop. A brick chimney is located on the southeast corner of the garage near its junction with the blacksmith shop.

**Blacksmith Shop (ca. early 20<sup>th</sup> century):** The 1½ story, gable roof, blacksmith shop is supported by 6x6 sills and rests on a concrete pier and grade beam. It is framed with 2 x4's and has a 6x6 carrying beam running parallel to the ridgeline that supports the upper level. It has a sliding barn door on the north face and 6/6 double hung windows on east and west sides. It is clad with tongue and groove horizontal siding and a corrugated metal roof. A concrete block chimney provides ventilation for the blacksmith forge, which is situated on the south end of the structure.

**Corn Crib (ca. 1900):** A small (approx. 10' x 10') corn crib is situated to the east of the barn and blacksmith shop. It rests on granite posts, has vertical board siding and a metal roof.

**Shop (ca. mid-20<sup>th</sup> century):** This gable roof structure lies east of the main barn complex. It rests on a concrete foundation, has a corrugated metal roof with board and batten siding. It has an overhead garage door and 2x4 frame construction. A small metal roofed shed lies immediately to the east of the shop.

**Pole Barn (ca. mid-20<sup>th</sup> century):** Approximately 300 feet to the east of the house and barn complex, on the opposite side of Millers Brook, lies a utilitarian pole barn. Its 6x6, 2x4 and 2x6 frame rests on an exposed granite outcrop. It has weathered horizontal board siding and a corrugated metal roof. The main structure has three equipment bays and a shed roof addition on the southerly side provides a fourth bay.

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**46. Statement of Integrity:**

This assemblage of farmstead and outbuildings, as well as surrounding fields and woodland, retains integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

**48. Bibliography and/or References:**

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**Maps, Atlases, Plans and Views**

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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: Northerly side of barn and sheds with rear wing of house to the right  
Roll: 1 Frame: 29 Direction: SE



Photo 3 description: Shed additions on north side of barn with barn ventilators visible on ridgeline  
Roll: 1 Frame: 33 Direction: S

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Photo 4 description: Rear (northeast) view of barn and outbuildings with shop to the far right  
Roll: 1 Frame: 35 Direction: SW



Photo 5 description: Barn with shed additions to the right, corncrib in foreground  
Roll: 1 Frame: 34 Direction: W

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Photo 6 description: Blacksmith shop and rear of garage with lower level shed roof addition  
Roll: 1 Frame: 32 Direction: SW



Photo 7 description: Garage and blacksmith shop with barn to the left rear  
Roll: 1 Frame: 31 Direction: N

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Photo 8 description: Pole Barn

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