

**INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM**

**NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0174**

**Name, Location, Ownership**

- 1. Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. District or area: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Street and number: 84 Iron Works Rd.
- 4. City or town: Concord
- 5. County: Merrimack
- 6. Current owner: State of NH

**Function or Use**

- 7. Current use(s): Granite State Independent Living: office and storage
- 8. Historic use(s): residential/agricultural

**Architectural Information**

- 9. Style/type: Federal
- 10. Architect/builder: Unknown
- 11. Source: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Construction date: ca. 1825-40
- 13. Source: visual analysis
- 14. Alterations, with dates: \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Moved? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exterior Features**

- 16. Foundation: stucco over brick
- 17. Cladding: clapboard
- 18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
- 19. Chimney material: brick
- 20. Type of roof: gable
- 21. Chimney location: Offset center
- 22. Number of stories: 2½
- 23. Entry location: left front
- 24. Windows: 2/2

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

**Site Features**

- 25. Setting: rural
- 26. Outbuildings: connected barn
- 27. Landscape features: open fields
- 28. Acreage: 13.15 acres
- 29. Tax map/parcel: 93/1/2
- 30. UTM reference: 19.292230 / 4783520



**Description:** South and east elevations of house and ell, with connector and barn.

- 35. Photo #1
- 36. Date: 8/18/2008
- 37. Roll # 1      Frame # 14      Direction: NW
- 38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Concord, 1:24000

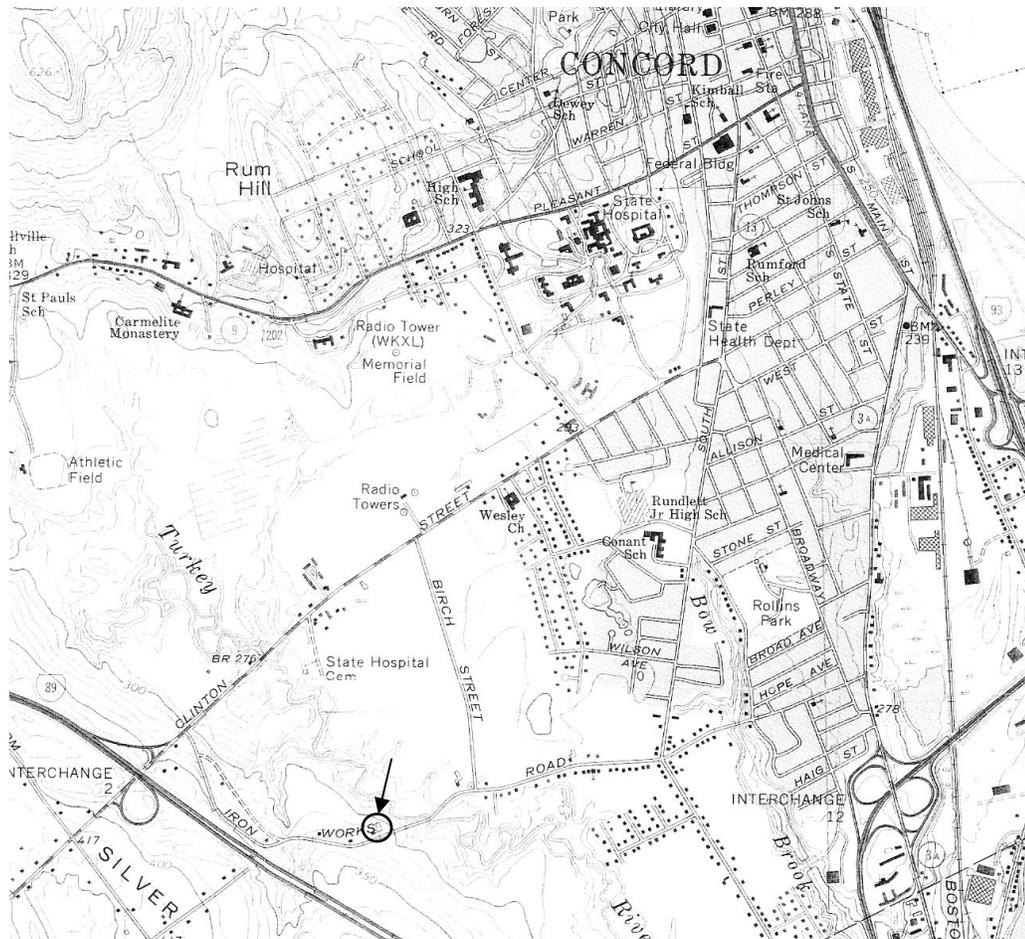
**Form prepared by**

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- 33. Organization: for the Concord Heritage Commission
- 34. Date of survey: 8/18/2008

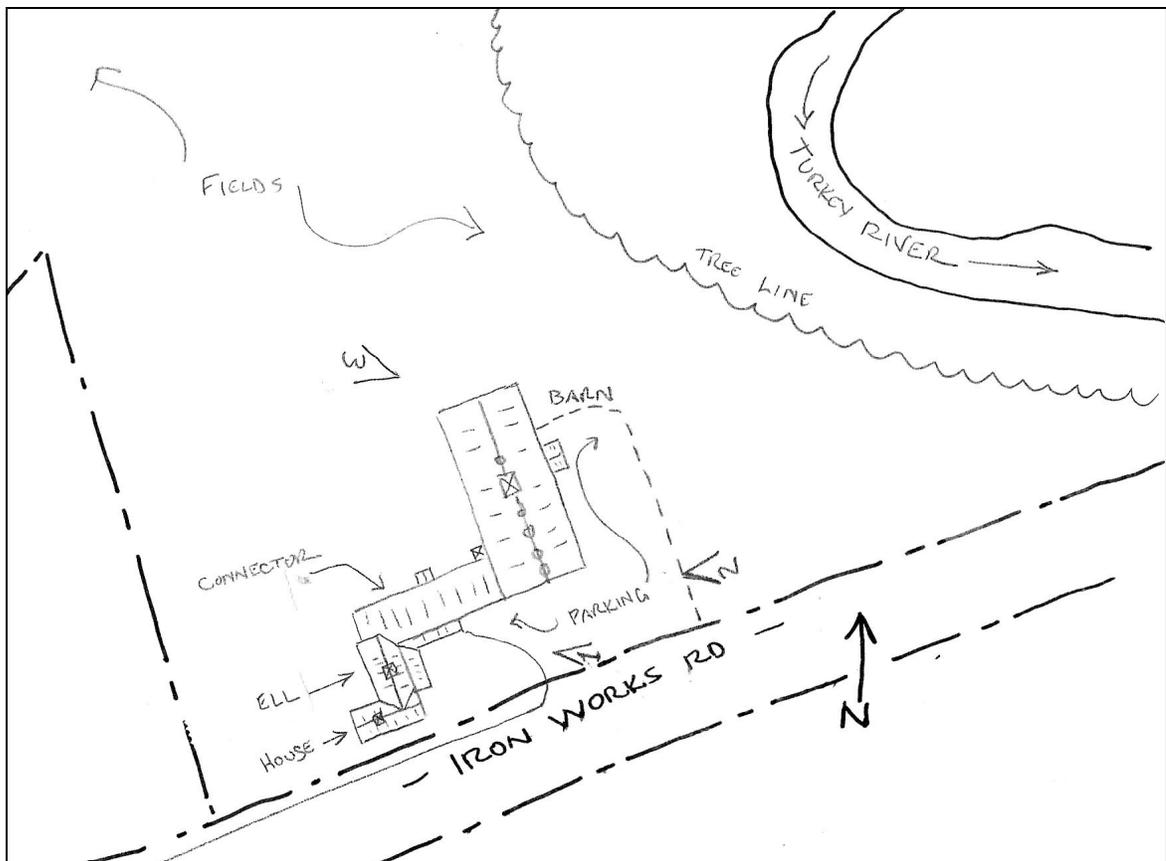
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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



40. PROPERTY MAP & PHOTOGRAPH KEY:



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**Methods and Purpose**

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:**

Tradition has it that this house once sat across the road and that its old well was still visible at least in the 1930s-1940s when Amsden researched her history of Concord. Amsden called this "an ancient [house] modernized" and said it was probably built by Joseph Carter, son of Daniel, who settled in a log house in the same vicinity. Joseph's son Nathaniel Haseltine Carter (b. 1787) may have been born in this house and it was his childhood home. Nathaniel H. Carter was a poet and the founder and editor of the periodical *N.Y. Statesman*. Around 1811, Joseph Carter sold the homestead to William Abbott.<sup>1</sup> The 1858 map notes I. & M.B. Abbott here and by 1892, it was H. P. Moore and called "Mooreland" (which included two primary buildings).



Photographed mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. *From Amsden, Chapter 17, opposite page 11.*

<sup>1</sup> Amsden, Chapt 17: 12-13; Lyford: 356.

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

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

House (ca. late 18<sup>th</sup> century): This house is understood to have been standing by 1787, though its current appearance suggests a ca. 1825-40 remodeling. The house is a two story, three bay, side-gable structure with offset center chimney. The foundation is brick with stucco finish. The front door is in the left bay and appears to be a Colonial Revival replacement from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The rear, two story, 19<sup>th</sup> century ell has a ridge chimney and an enclosed single story porch on the east elevation. The house and ell have 2/2 windows (except the windows over the front door, which appear to be 1930s replacements). The house is currently used as office space for the Granite State Independent Living Council.

Connector (ca. 1930-40s): A two story, five bay, shed roof connector links the north section of the east wall of the ell with the barn. It has a brick foundation, asbestos siding, 6/1 sash and a brick firewall adjacent to the barn. The entrance is at the east end and has a shed roof door hood.

Barn (early 20<sup>th</sup> century): The gambrel roof bank barn has a queen post construction with turnbuckle reinforcements. The timbers are 6x6 and 8x8, with a balloon frame roof. There are eight bays running the length of the barn (north-south). Paired 2/2 windows provide light to the second floor of the barn on both the south and north gambrel ends. Sliding barn doors are located at both the north and south ends. There is a multi-light transom over the north door. The north entrance has a steep earth and stone vehicle ramp.

A simple cupola with a weathervane is centered on the ridgeline. Five metal roof ventilators are also located on the ridge, four to the south of the cupola and one to the north. These are connected to the basement level via wooden ventilator shafts attached to the interior of the roof and walls. This ventilation system indicates that the lower level was likely used as a milking parlor. The barn foundation is mortared granite block. The basement has been insulated and finished and used for handicapped equipment repair and sales. A gable roof extension is located along the center of the east wall to provide covered access to the basement level.

**46. Statement of Integrity:**

This property, with its 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century buildings, retains integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

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

Amsden, Grace P., *A Capital for New Hampshire*. Unpublished manuscript in 3 vols., written between 1930 and 1960.

Bouton, Nathaniel, *The History of Concord*. Concord: Benning W. Sanborn, 1856.

*City of Concord Directories*, 1812 -1970.

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

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**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 and east face of barn showing cupola and ventilators

Roll: 1 Frame: 15 Direction: W



Photo 3 description: North and west elevations of barn

Roll: 1 Frame: 13 Direction: SE