

**INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM**

**NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0191**

**Name, Location, Ownership**

- 1. Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. District or area: Stickney Hill  
Agricultural Neighborhood
- 3. Street and number: 84 Stickney Hill Rd.
- 4. City or town: Concord
- 5. County: Merrimack
- 6. Current owner: Lorraine Hayes Pierce

**Function or Use**

- 7. Current use(s): residence, hayfields
- 8. Historic use(s): farmstead

**Architectural Information**

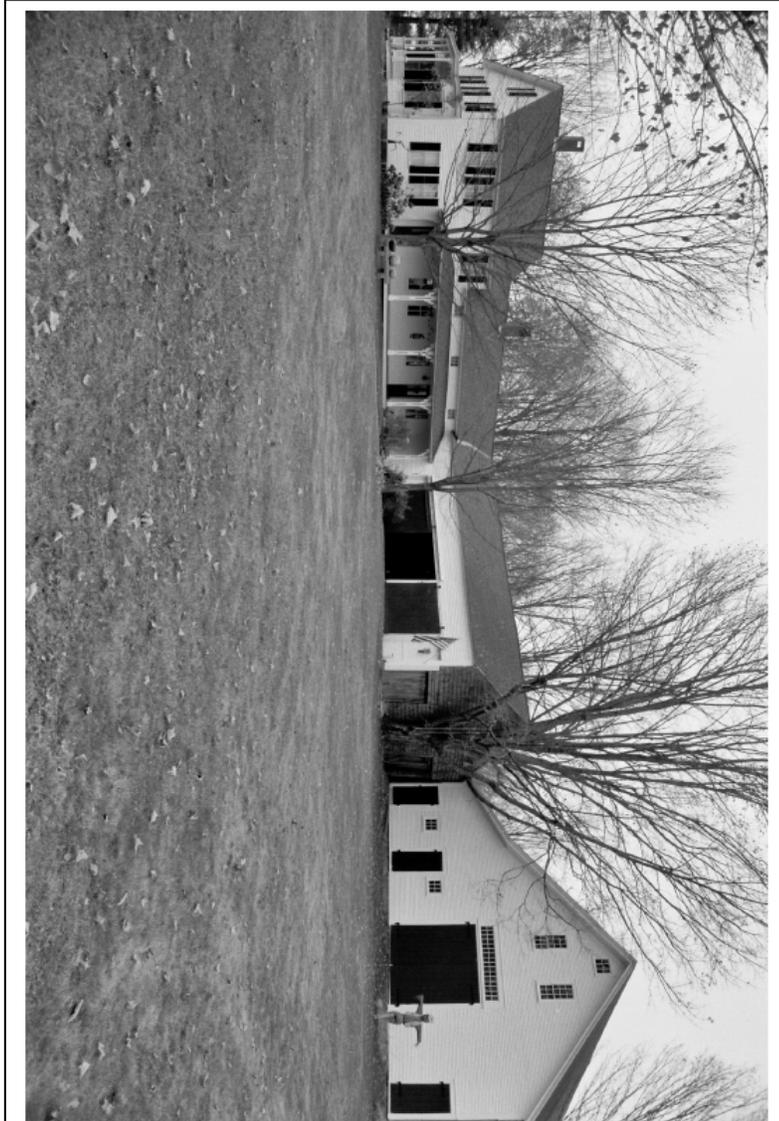
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- 10. Architect/builder: Unknown
- 11. Source: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Construction date: ca. early 19<sup>th</sup> c.?  
/1888
- 13. Source: Research, ext. visual analysis
- 14. Alterations, with dates: \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Moved? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exterior Features**

- 16. Foundation: granite block
- 17. Cladding: clapboard
- 18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
- 19. Chimney material: brick
- 20. Type of roof: gable
- 21. Chimney location: ridge
- 22. Number of stories: 2½
- 23. Entry location: center
- 24. Windows: 2/2 & 9/6  
Replacement? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Features**

- 25. Setting: rural
- 26. Outbuildings: attached wagon shed & barn
- 27. Landscape features: cow path,  
extensive fields
- 28. Acreage: 22 acres



**Description:** View of connected farm buildings

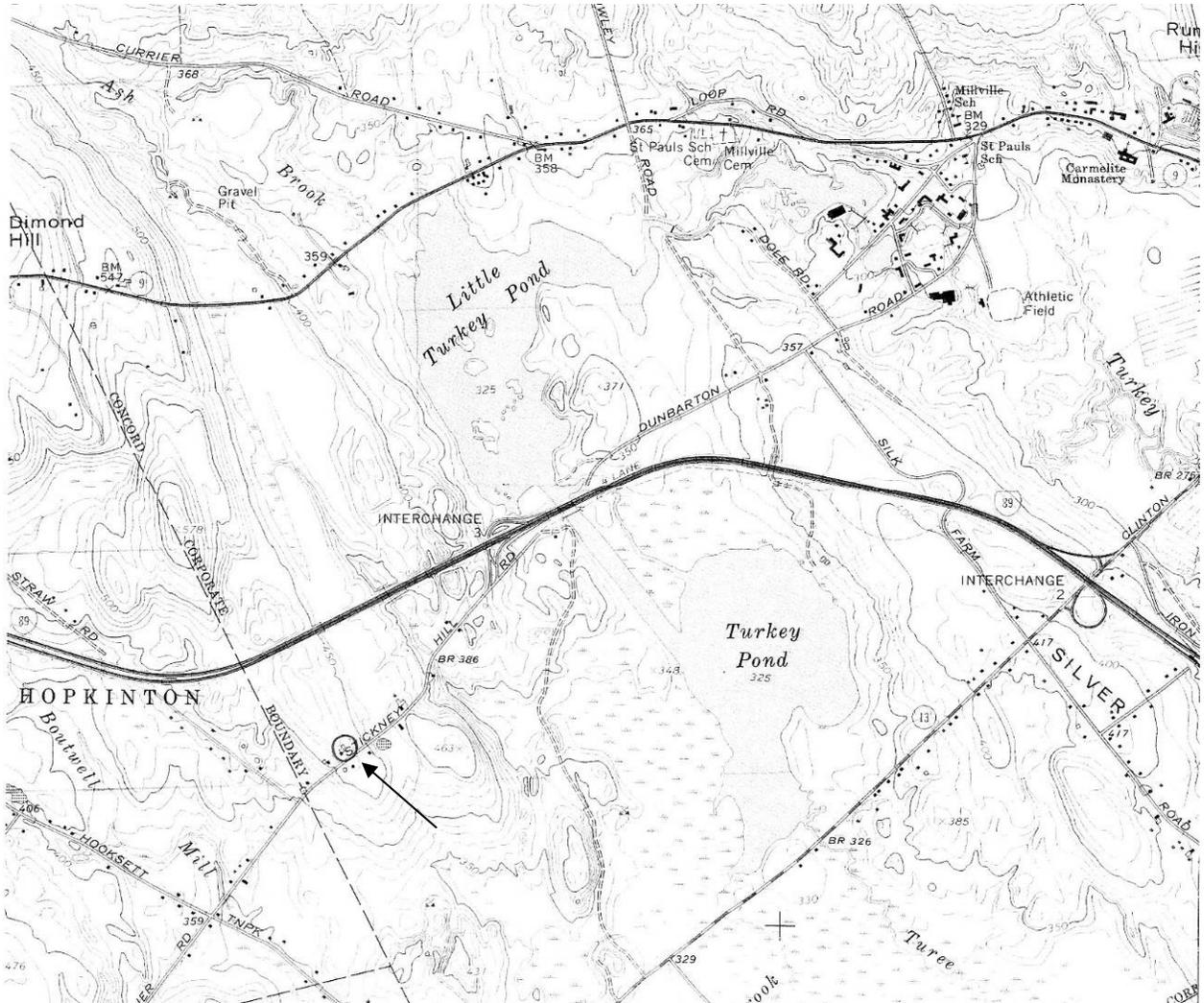
- 35. Photo #1
- 36. Date Fall 2008
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- 38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

- 29. Tax map/parcel: 98-1-3
- 30. UTM reference: 19.288160 / 4783130
- 31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Concord, 1:24000
- Form prepared by**
- 32. Name: Elizabeth Durfee Hengen, Preservation Consultant
- 33. Organization: for Concord Heritage Commission
- 34. Date of survey: Fall 2008

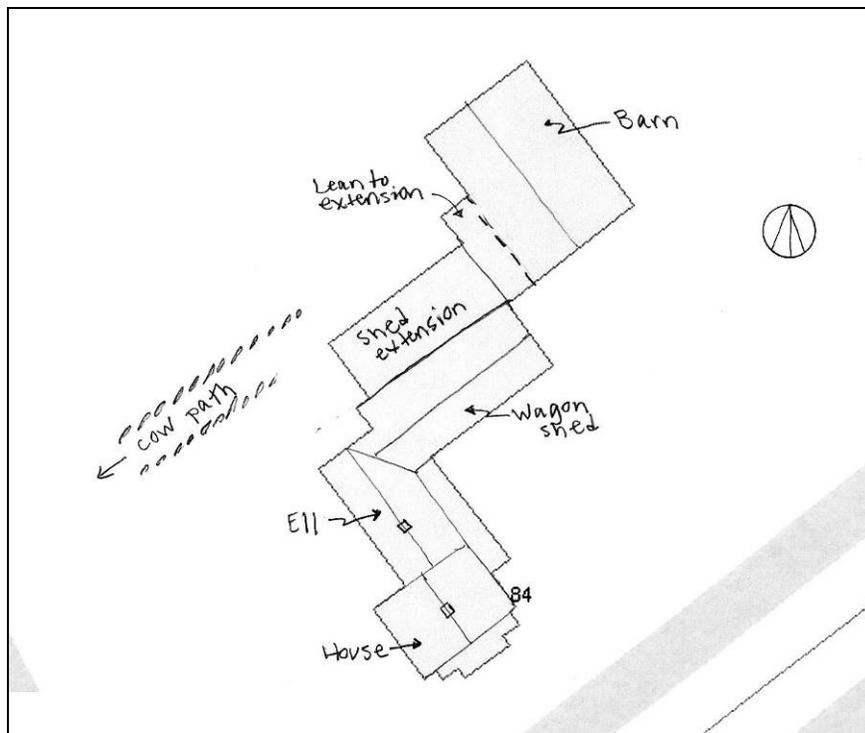
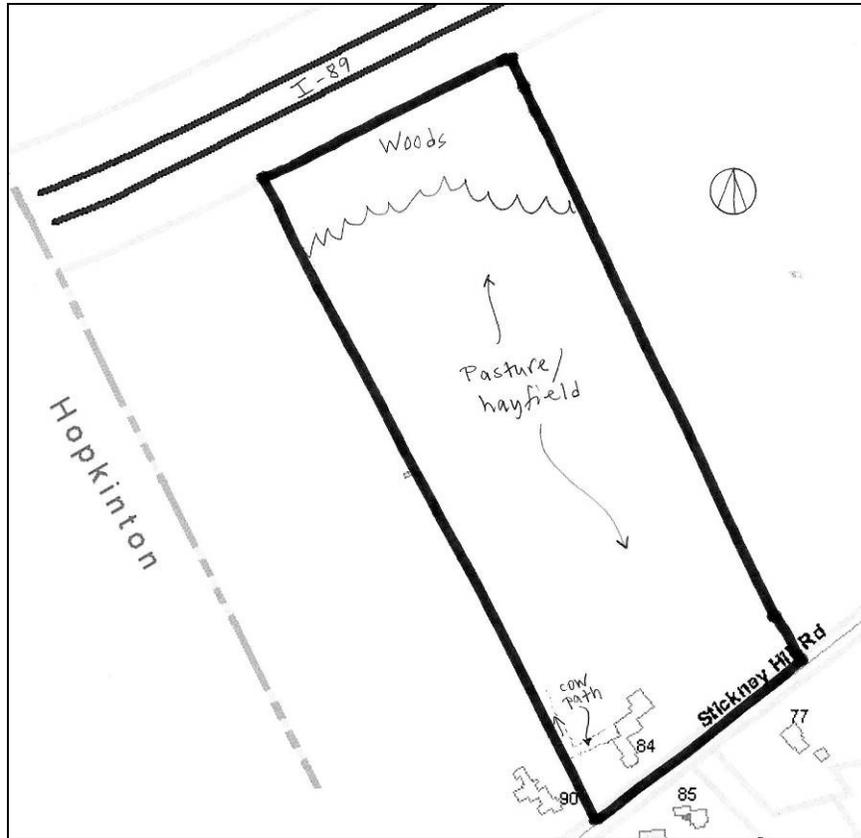
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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



40. PROPERTY MAP:



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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:**

Historic maps indicate J. Dow was farming here in 1858 and L. Clifford in 1892.

In 1920, the Darrahs received the property as a wedding present. They resided here until 1973, but apparently did not farm the property. After sitting vacant for a few years, the current owner purchased it in 1977.<sup>1</sup> She maintains a flock of chickens and, until recently, had horses.

**42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:**

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

56. Local-scale dairy farming, 1800-present.

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

This farm includes an extensive complex of connected agricultural buildings on 22 acres that is mostly hayfield and pasture. Stone walls define the lot lines, as well as edge a cow path that extends westerly from the barn.

House (ca. early 19<sup>th</sup> c. (?)/1888): This is a 2 ½ story, 3x4-bay, front-gable structure with clapboard siding and a granite block foundation. The main entrance is centered and features a portico with chamfered posts, sawn railing and dressed granite steps. Flanking the entrance are bay windows on brick foundations. Most of the sash is 2/2 (late 19<sup>th</sup> c.), but earlier 9/6 sash is found in the gable. A 1 ½ story ell extends to the rear, also on a granite foundation. Spanning the east elevation is a hip-roof porch with

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<sup>1</sup> Lorraine Pierce interview.

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sawn scroll brackets and perforated posts. Prior to renovations undertaken by the owner, the kitchen occupied the south end and a summer kitchen the north end.

According to the owner, the farmhouse may have started out as a cape, but without a thorough physical investigation, that could not be corroborated. However, the early construction of the south section of the barn (see below), underscores the existence of farm buildings here by 1820. The present appearance of the house stems from a major remodeling in 1888. (The owner has drawings signed by N.C. (?) Weeks.) At a minimum, the front portico, two-story facade bays, and east porch all date from that effort.

Wagon shed (19<sup>th</sup> c.): The wagon shed is a lengthy 1 ½ story structure than is attached, and perpendicular to, the ell. It has clapboard siding on the front (south) elevation and shingles elsewhere. Rolling vertical-board doors are on the multiple wagon openings along the south wall. A low, shed-roof addition on a concrete foundation spans the north elevation.

Barn (ca. 1800-1820/1888): The barn is a gable-front, timber-frame structure that connects to the east end of the wagon shed via a lean-to extension. The main barn was built in two phases.

The earlier section—the south three bays—has a scribe-rule frame with gunstock posts, hewn major timbers and sawn braces. The roof frame of this section is original, consisting of principle rafters, five rows of log purlins and vertical sheathing. Based on the frame construction, it dates from the first two decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> c. (If hand-wrought nails are found, it could be even earlier.)

The later section—the north two bays—is framed similarly to the earlier section, but all of the timber has circular saw marks. The bays are slightly smaller. On the north wall girt there is a chalk inscription: “The barn was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1888.”

The interior is arranged in typical fashion, with a slightly off-center (to the west) drive floor, hayloft above the east bays and a hay mow in the rear bays on the west side. Interior features include a hay fork, and white-washed walls in the first three bays on the east side and first bay on the west.

**46. Statement of Integrity:**

This farm, with its 19<sup>th</sup> c. connected farm buildings and expansive agricultural landscape consisting of fields, woodlands, stone walls and an exceptional cow path, retains a high degree of integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

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

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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.

**Interview**

Lorraine Pierce, Fall 2008.

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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

NR eligible:   
individual   
within district   
not eligible   
more info needed

NR Criteria: A   
B   
C   
D   
E

Integrity: yes   
no

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Photo 2 description: Front (south) and east elevations of farmhouse; rear ell & part of shed in rear  
Roll: 4 Frame: 26 Direction: N



Photo 3 description: Wagon shed & barn  
Roll: 7 Frame: 1 Direction: N

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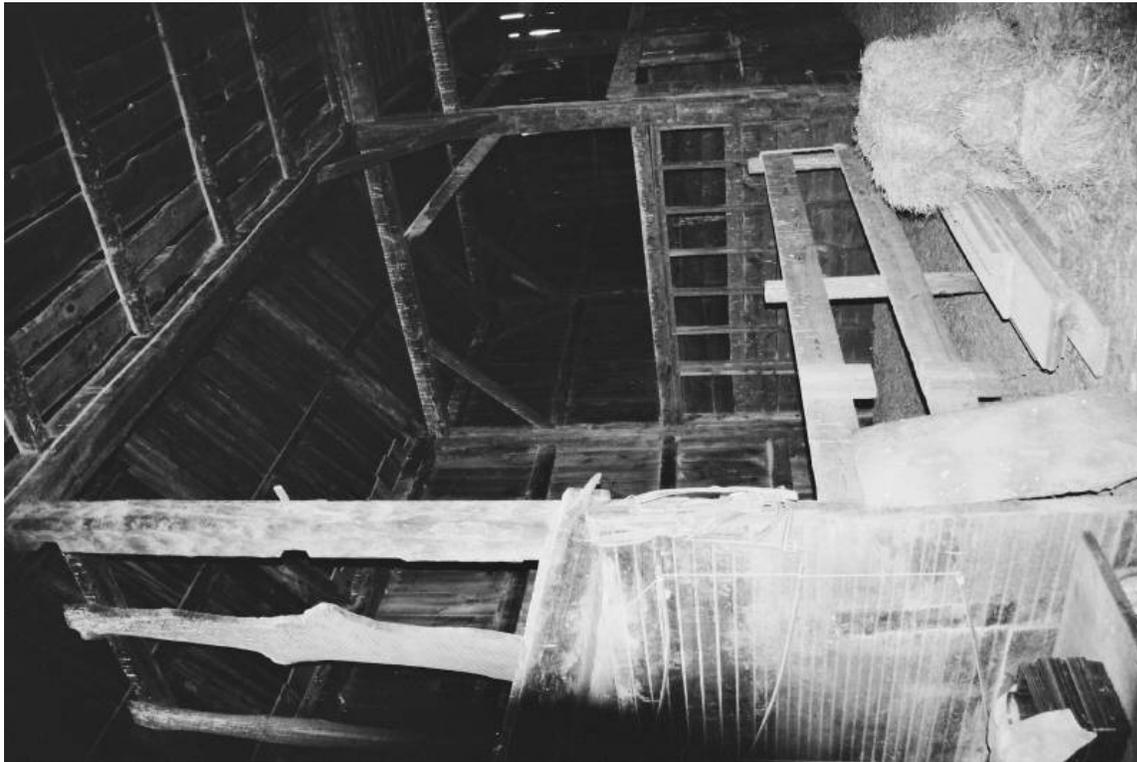


Photo 4 description: Barn frame, showing juncture between original (left) and 1888 addition  
Roll: 7 Frame: 4 Direction: NW



Photo 5 description: Cow path  
Roll: 4 Frame: 27 Direction: W