

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0176

Name, Location, Ownership

- 1. Historic name: _____
- 2. District or area: _____
- 3. Street and number: 87 Mountain Rd.
- 4. City or town: Concord
- 5. County: Merrimack
- 6. Current owner: Mary Ellen Snow

Function or Use

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

Architectural Information

- 9. Style/type: Italianate
- 10. Architect/builder: Unknown
- 11. Source: _____
- 12. Construction date: ca. 1810
- 13. Source: Research, ext. visual analysis
- 14. Alterations, with dates: Italianate renovations (ca. 1870s); screen porch (ca. 1980s)
- 15. Moved? no yes date: _____

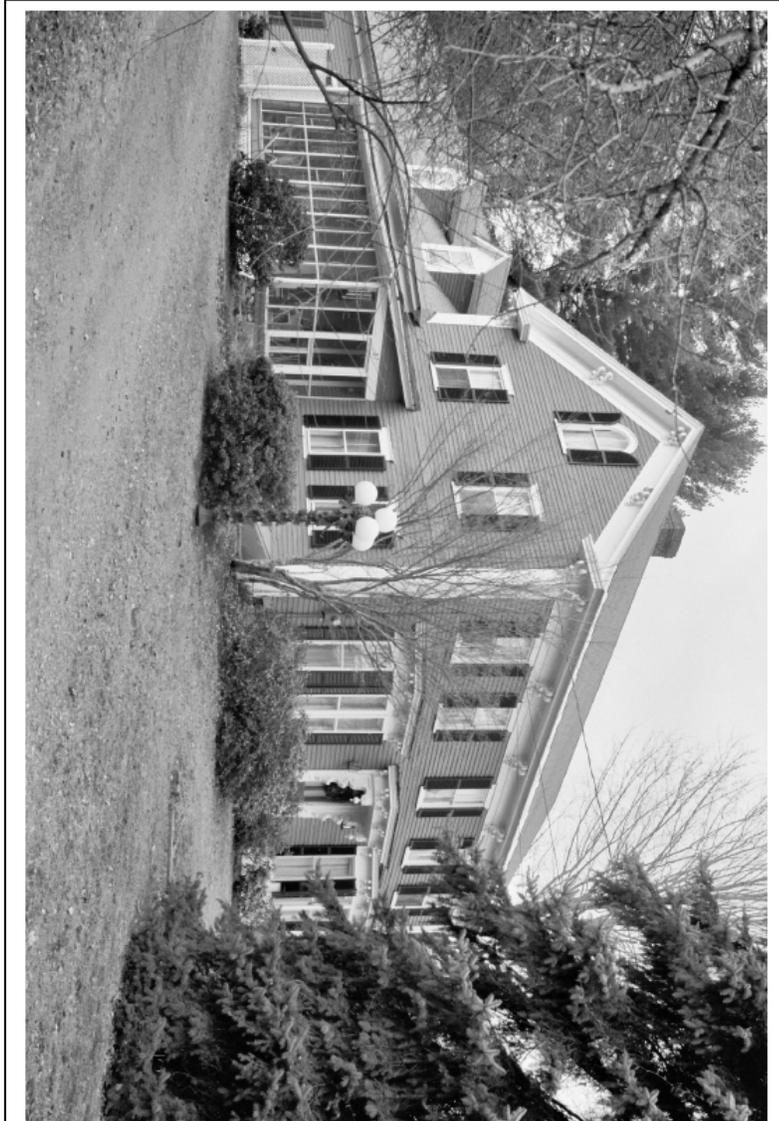
Exterior Features

- 16. Foundation: granite block
- 17. Cladding: clapboard
- 18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
- 19. Chimney material: brick
- 20. Type of roof: gable
- 21. Chimney location: twin (only so. chimney extant)
- 22. Number of stories: 2½
- 23. Entry location: center
- 24. Windows: 2/2

Replacement? no yes date: ca. 1870s

Site Features

- 25. Setting: fringe of village
- 26. Outbuildings: attached shed & barn
- 27. Landscape features: granite lawn steps, dressed retaining wall & hitching posts; cow path
- 28. Acreage: 26 acres



Description: Farmhouse & rear ell

- 35. Photo #1
- 36. Date Fall 2008
- 37. Roll #7 Frame #17 Direction: NW
- 38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

- 29. Tax map/parcel: 118D-1-8
- 30 UTM reference: 19.293770 / 4791100
- 31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Concord, 1:24000

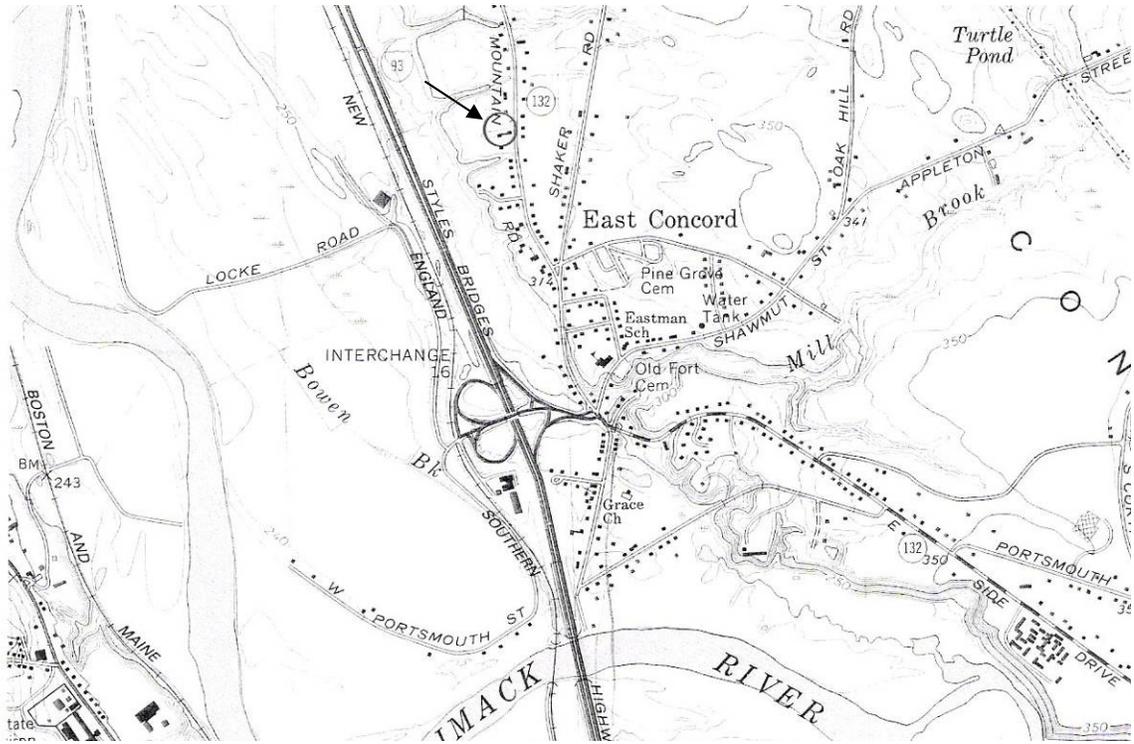
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- 32. Name: Elizabeth Durfee Hengen, Preservation Consultant
- 33. Organization: for Concord Heritage Commission
- 34. Date of survey: Fall 2008

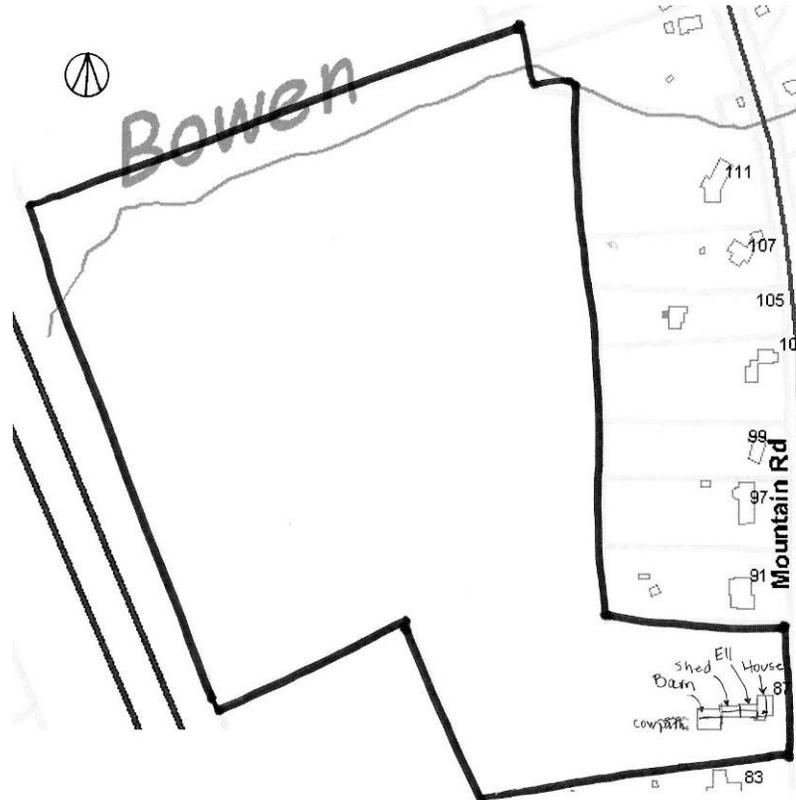
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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



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:

According to research undertaken by longtime owner Atty. Ronald Snow, the original owners of this property were members of the Eastman family, the original settlers of East Concord. In 1793, Stillson Eastman (who erected 61 Mountain Rd.) deeded 80 acres of his extensive farm—"part of my homestead"—to Caleb Eastman.¹ Without a thorough interior physical investigation, it is not known when the house was originally constructed, although an historic photograph shows an early Federal style house, suggesting a construction date of ca. 1810.

By 1858, the farm was owned by J.P. Locke, in whose family it remained for many years. (Other members of the family farmed nearby, including along Locke Road.)

¹ RCRD 156/11.

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“Old Locke House.” Photograph taken from the north, showing farmhouse prior to Italianate renovations undertaken ca. 1870s. *Courtesy Snow family.*

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

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

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

This property includes a connected farmhouse, consisting of a house, ell, shed and barn. The front yard, with its extensive granite work (dressed retaining wall, lawn steps, hitching posts) reflects a major renovation, transforming the house from a vernacular farmhouse to an in-town Italianate-style residence. Behind the barn, the property continues to convey some of its agricultural heritage, particularly in the cow path leading to former pastures west of the barn (some of the agricultural land was lost when Interstate 93 was constructed). The land behind the buildings is now scrub and recent growth forest.

House (ca. 1810/ca. 1870s): This is a 2½ story, 5x2 bay, twin-chimney (only the south chimney survives) building on a granite block foundation. Walls are covered with clapboard. Although its basic form reflects its original construction period, its current appearance dates from a substantial renovation ca. 1870s when Italianate architectural details, including brackets, wide corner and frieze boards, cornice returns, 2/2 sash, arched gable window openings and blinds, and bay windows, were applied.

Ell/Shed (ca. 1810): A 1½ story ell/shed extends to the rear. The east end, which once held a summer kitchen and woodshed, was extensively renovated in the latter part of the 20th c. The west end is a wagon shed and has a wide opening with both a rolling door and hinged doors on the south elevation.

Barn (ca. early 19th c.): The barn is a four-bay structure with hewn posts, plate, dropped girts and rafters. Braces are sawn. The roof frame consists of principal rafters, five sawn purlins and vertical sheathing. All of the side bays now have open mows (the hay lofts were removed after 1968), but a pole scaffold remains over the center drive.

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The front (east) gable end has a centered wagon opening with an interior vertical-board rolling door. That wall is clad with clapboards, the south wall with T1-11 siding, and the rear wall with vertical boards. The barn rests on a granite foundation. In the rear, granite posts indicate the barn either had a west addition or additional bays.

46. Statement of Integrity:

This property, with its 19th century assemblage of buildings, retains 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.

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 elevation of shed & east gable front of barn
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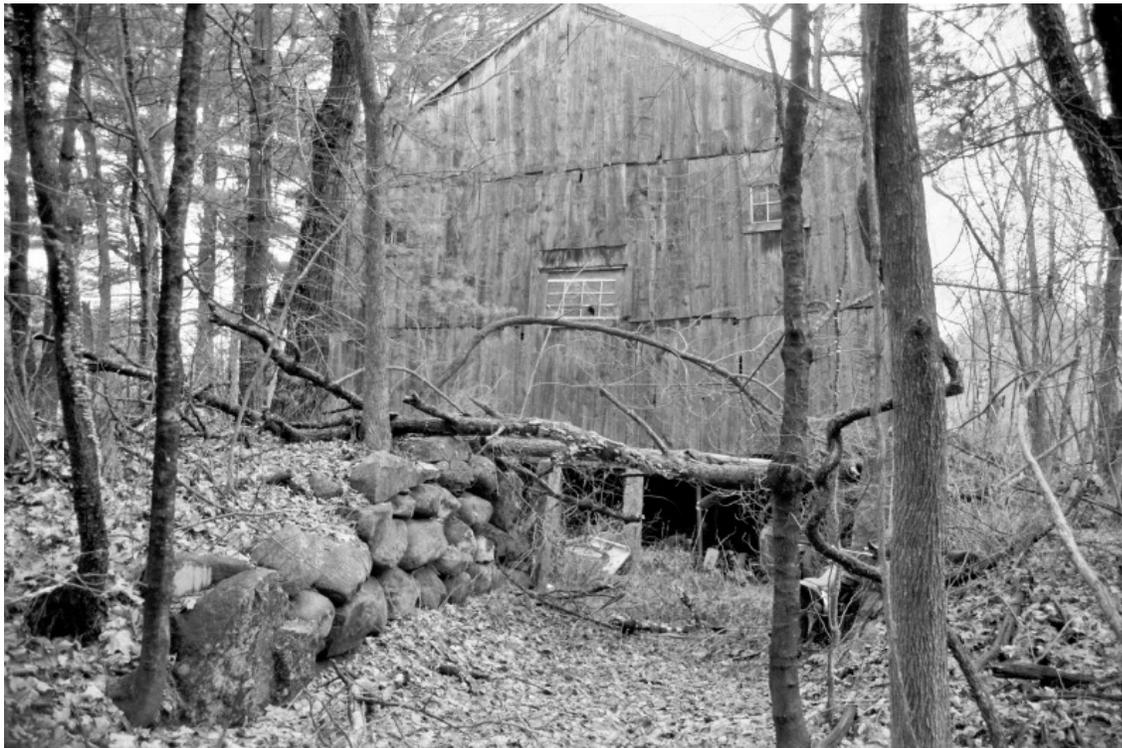


Photo 3 description: Rear (west) elevation of barn. Note granite foundation posts indicating removed section.
Stone retaining wall marks cow path to rear pasture.
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