

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM**NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0158****Name, Location, Ownership**

1. Historic name: _____
2. District or area: _____
3. Street and number: 89 Appleton St.
4. City or town: Concord
5. County: Merrimack
6. Current owner: Joseph Fitzgerald & Raina Eckhardt

Function or Use

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

Architectural Information

9. Style/type: vernacular Queen Anne
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca.1890
13. Source: Research, ext. visual analysis
14. Alterations, with dates: see attached
15. Moved? no yes date: _____

Exterior Features

16. Foundation: brick
17. Cladding: clapboard
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: E & W slopes; wing ridge
22. Number of stories: 2½
23. Entry location: sidehall
24. Windows: 4/1

Replacement? no yes date: late 20th c.

Site Features

25. Setting: rural
26. Outbuildings: attached shed & barn; garage
27. Landscape features: low masonry walls in door yard; field & woods to rear
28. Acreage: 23.21 acres
29. Tax map/parcel: 118-2-3



Description: House & ell (south & west elevations)

35. Photo #1
36. Date Fall 2008
37. Roll #6 Frame #10 Direction: N
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

30 UTM reference: 19.295840 / 4791230

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

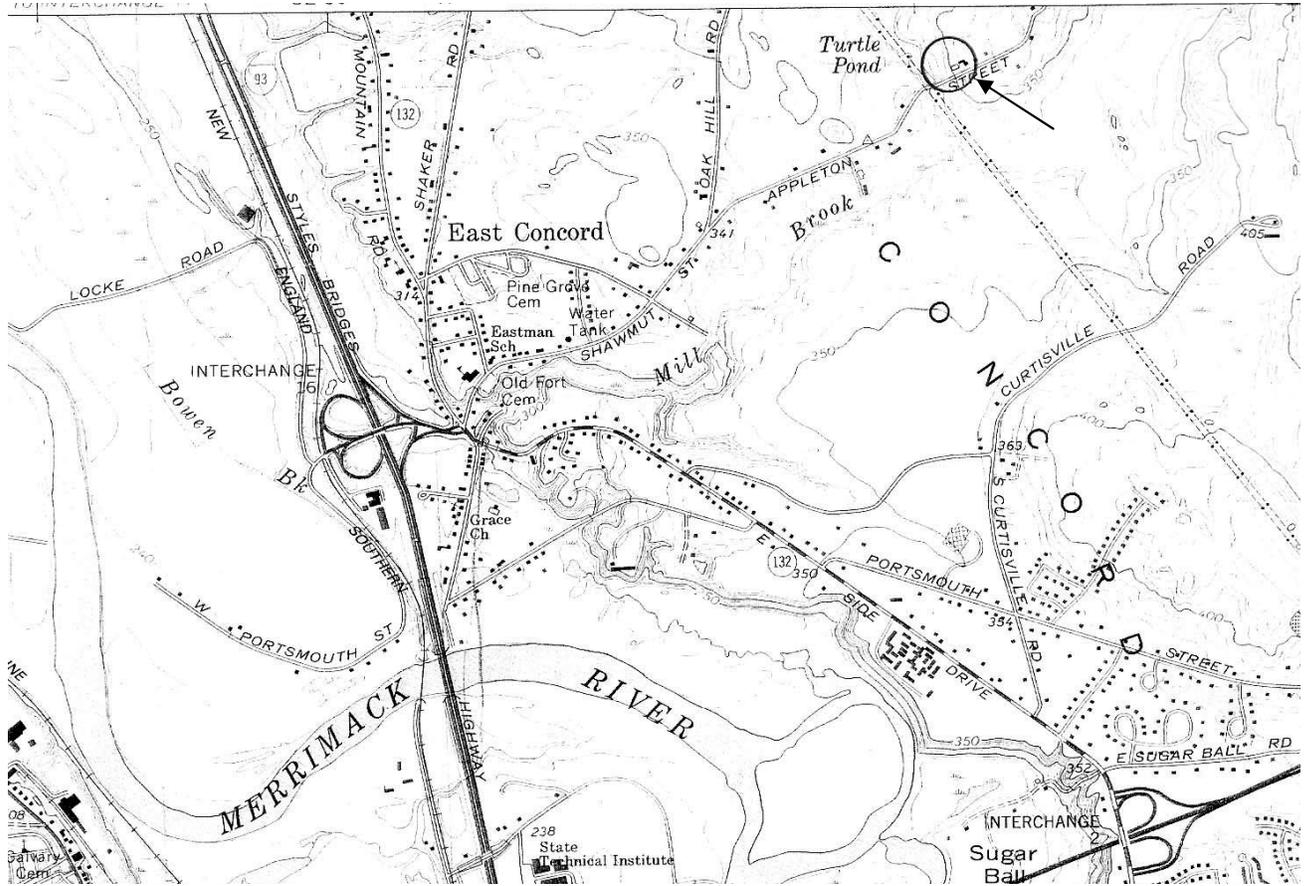
Form prepared by

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

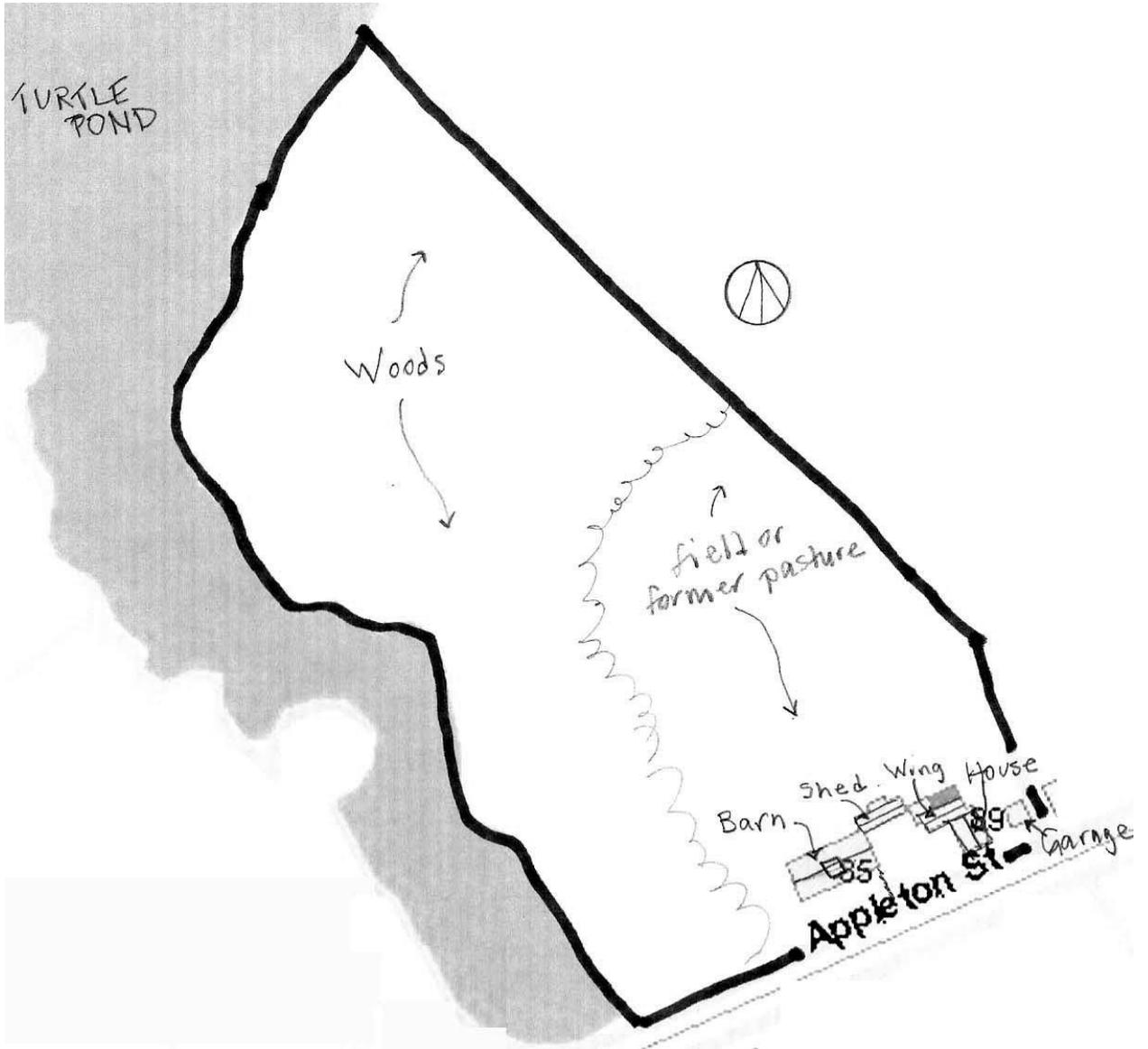
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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



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:

Based on its exterior appearance, this farmhouse was erected in the late 19th century; in 1892 it was owned by E. Hibbard. However, a farm was established on this site by 1858, when S.G. Potter was residing here. As recently as 1980, it was in the Potter family; the 77-acre field and woodland parcel across the road, which historically accompanied the farm, remains in the family. These Potters are likely related to the Potters who owned some five farms along Oak Hill Road in the mid-19th century.

According to current owner Raina Fitzgerald, the Potters "purchased the farm on December 17, 1827. It had been the estate of Captain Jonathan Kimball. The Potter family ran the dairy farm until 1956 when the herd and milk route were sold to Concord Dairy Inc. In the 1940's the Polts family ran sleigh rides from the Concord stable house to the farm for dinner. In 1958 the family ran "farm vacation" at the farm until 1962." She also noted that the barn was built in 1880 and the house in 1893.¹

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

- 51. Mixed agriculture and the family farm, 1630-present.
- 56. Local-scale dairy farming, 1800-present.
- 73. Summer and vacation home tourism, 1880-present.

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

This property abuts Turtle Pond to the north. The 23-acre former farm includes a 19th c. connected farmstead consisting of a house with wing, shed and large barn, as well as former field or pasture and

¹ As reported by Ms. Fitzgerald on the Farm Reconnaissance Form on file at NHDHR.

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woodland behind the buildings. A mid-20th c. garage also occupies the lot. A low fieldstone wall edges the east side of the drive leading into the door yard, and a granite block retaining wall extends toward the road from the southeast corner of the barn.

House (ca. 1890): This is a 2 ½ story, 3x4-bay, gable-front building with clapboard siding and a brick foundation. Vernacular Queen Anne details include the entry portico with its gable and scroll-sawn brackets, corbeled chimney, corner pilasters and bay window. Late 20th c. modifications include an arched window opening in the front gable peak and roof skylights. A 1 ½ story wing projects to the west. A one-story sun porch on a poured concrete foundation spans the front; it has a band of 8/1-sash windows and likely dates from the 1940s.

Shed (19th c.): [Only the front elevation was accessible to the surveyor] The shed is a lengthy 1 ½ story structure that connects the wing to the barn. It is clad with clapboard on the south (front) elevation. At the east end, there is a shed-roof dormer. The west end has a 6/6-sash window, a doorway with a vertical-board door, and a small six-light window at the eaveline.

Barn (ca. 1860-90): [Only the elevations visible from the road were accessible to the surveyor] One of the larger barns in Concord, this is a gable-front bank barn that, from the exterior, appears to have seven bays. It faces east toward the house. Visible elevations are sided with clapboards and trimmed with corner boards and cornice returns. A large ventilator with shingled walls punctured by louvered openings and a pyramidal roof rises from the mid-point of the ridge. The main entrance, which has been reduced in size and now has an overhead door in it, is centered in the gable end. A hay door is above it, and a hay fork track protrudes from the gable peak. The south elevation is punctured with paired window openings.

Raina Fitzgerald, the current owner, reported that the barn framing is post and beam and that interior features also include a silo, horse stable and milk house. She also noted that in the late 1930s, the barn was expanded to hold more cattle. The expansion included adding the cupola, milk house and stable.²

46. Statement of Integrity:

This property, with its 19th c. connected farm buildings and expansive agricultural landscape consisting of fields, woodlands and stone walls, 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.

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Farm Reconnaissance Form, on file at NHDHR.

² Farm Reconnaissance Form.

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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

NR eligible: individual
within district

NR Criteria: A
B
C
D
E

Integrity: yes
no

not eligible
more info needed

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Photo 2 description: Shed (south elevation) & east gable front of barn
Roll: 6 Frame: 11 Direction: NW



Photo 3 description: Barn (east gable front & south elevation)
Roll: 6 Frame: 12 Direction: NW