

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM**NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0159****Name, Location, Ownership**

1. Historic name: Jordan Farm
2. District or area: n/a
3. Street and number: 102 Little Pond Rd.
4. City or town: Concord
5. County: Merrimack
6. Current owner: Sylvia Miskoe

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): residential/agricultural
8. Historic use(s): residential/agricultural

Architectural Information

9. Style/type: Italianate
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1855
13. Source: visual analysis, 1858 map, owner
14. Alterations, with dates: sash
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, rear wall
22. Number of stories: 2½
23. Entry location: center
24. Windows: 1/1, 6/6 (gables)
Replacement? no yes date: late 20th c.

Site Features

25. Setting: rural
26. Outbuildings: barn, carriage shed, corn crib/blacksmith shop, wood shed, garage, workshop, goat house
27. Landscape features: stone walls, open fields

**Description** View of connected farm buildings.

35. Photo #1
36. Date Fall 2008
37. Roll #4 Frame #5 Direction: NW
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

28. Acreage: 67.25 plus 10 across street
29. Tax map/parcel: 100-3-2 and 100-2-7
- 30 UTM reference: 19.290900 / 4787880
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Concord, 1:24000

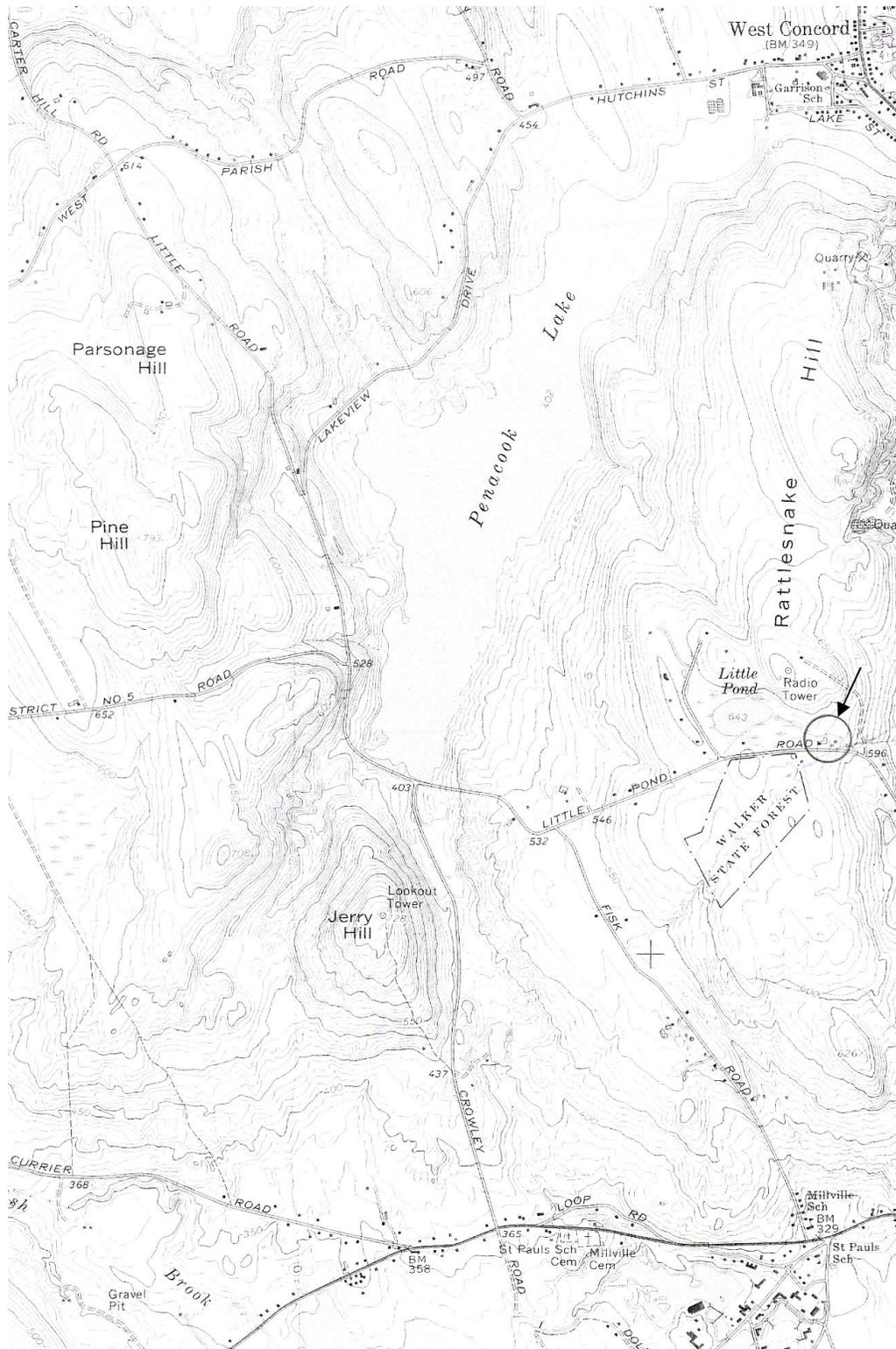
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33. Organization: for Concord Heritage Commission
34. Date of survey: Fall 2008

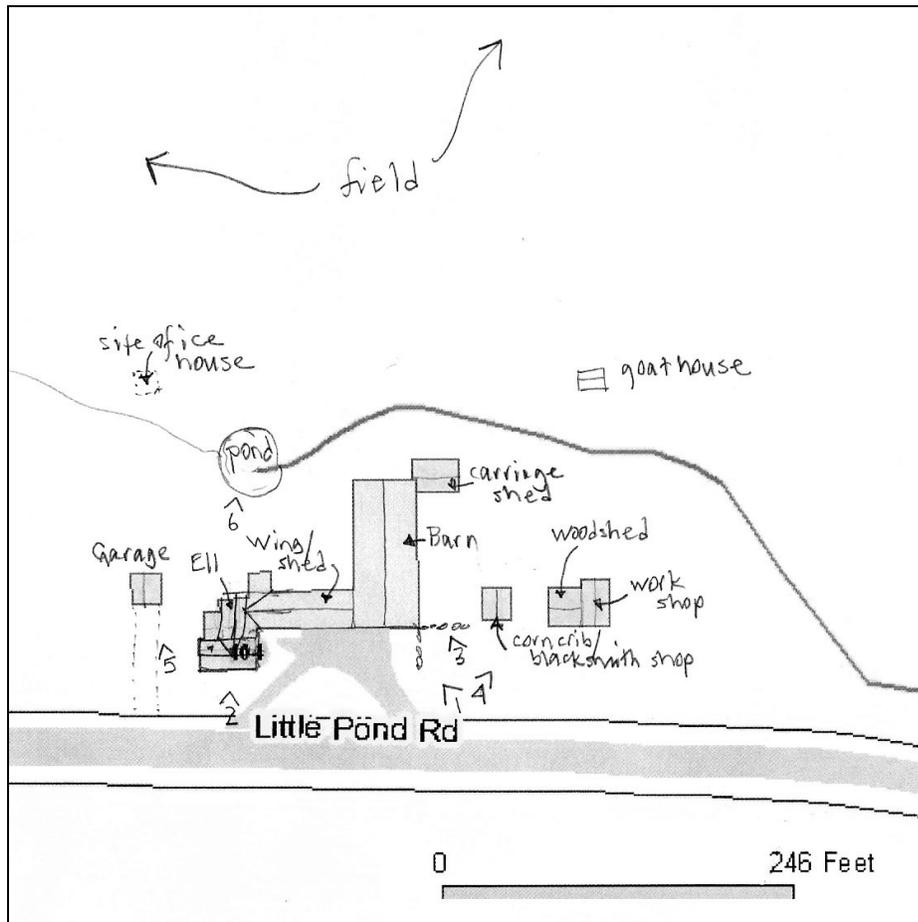
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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



40. PROPERTY MAP & 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:

Jordan Farm likely dates from the mid-1850s, based on its architectural appearance and cursory research. The 1858 map of Concord shows Daniel Farnum as owner, and the current owner confirmed that Farnum sold the farm to her great-grandfather, John Jordan, ca. 1888. Since at least 1858, Jordan had been farming at a farm on the site of 224 Little Pond Road (both house and barn since burned); after purchasing 102 Little Pond Road, he kept both places, with cattle on each for a period. Over the years, Jordan expanded the acreage at his new spot to more than 200 acres.

One of Jordan's seven children slaughtered the cattle raised on the farm, butchering them in the shed and selling the meat from a wagon in Fosterville (an area of Concord on North State Street, south of the prison). Milk and butter were also produced; the family had a local milk route. In the 20th century, they took the milk to Concord Dairy on Washington Street. Circa 1947, the Jordans ceased dairying altogether, with the exception of a few cows for family use.

The parents of the current owner brought their family from Woodsville (NH) back to Concord in the mid-20th c.. A lawyer, her father did not maintain a large-scale agricultural operation; the farm's livestock was reduced to a few pigs, chickens and cows. Also living on the property was an unmarried uncle (Joe), who hayed the fields. In 1964 the current owner inherited the farm buildings and the existing acreage; the remaining acreage went to her brother and has since has been subdivided. (Some of the lots are on Via Tranquilla.)

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

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

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43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

Jordan Farm consists of a connected farmstead (house with ell, wing-shed and barn with attached carriage shed) sited laterally to the road. Other outbuildings include a 19th c. corn crib-blacksmith shop, 19th c. or early 20th c. wood shed (since altered), ca. 1930s garage, and early 21st c. woodshop and goat house; most of the buildings are visible from the road. Behind the house is a small pond (originally built for swimming) fed by an outlet from Little Pond. An ice house once stood nearby; ice was cut from Little Pond and stored there during summer months. Further to the north is an extensive hay field, with woodlot beyond. An additional hay field lies across the road. Stone walls abut both sides of the road, as well as define the field perimeters.

House (ca. 1855): The house is a 2 ½ story, side-gable, 5x1 bay building with a rear ell. It rests on a granite block foundation and is sided with clapboards. Italianate stylistic features include arched window sash (6/6) and blinds in the gable peaks, and the front entrance: portico on paneled posts and original four-panel door flanked by narrow sidelights and transom. The entrance also features a granite stoop. According to the owner, the builder of the house also built the farmhouse at the State Prison at 312 North State Street.

Wing/shed (mid-19th c.): A lengthy clapboard-sided, gable-roof, wing/shed extends to the east. Like all of the outbuildings, its roof is metal. Significant features include paired hinged and sliding doors at the east end, an arched opening (used for butchering animals in the mid-20th c.), and a four-seat privy.

Barn (ca. 1866¹): The barn is gable-front, facing toward the road, and rests on a field granite foundation. It measures 100' x 40'. Two metal cupolas and a weathervane rise from the ridge. The main entrance is centered and has sliding, paneled doors on both gable ends; above them are transom windows. Windows with 6/6 sash are found on the front and rear gable ends, and six-light windows along the side elevations.

The barn has a post and beam framing system; the roof frame consists of principal and common rafters. The interior is divided into six bays, all but one 15' x 15'. Horses occupied the front (south) bays (recently rebuilt), and the cow tie up (since removed, though white-washed walls remain) was along the west side. The side bays have an upper loft, and the center bay has a high lot at each end.

Carriage shed (ca. late 19th c.): This is a gable-roof structure with clapboard siding, three arched openings with clipped corners, and six-light windows above. It extends from the northeast corner of the barn.

Corn crib/blacksmith shop (ca. mid-19th c.): This approx. 16' x 22', post and beam structure faces gable-front to the road. It sits on wood posts, has clapboard siding, a vertical-board door, and six-light windows on the sides. According to the owner, it was originally used as a corn crib and later as a blacksmith shop; there is evidence on the interior where the vertical slats were to hold the corn.

Wood shed (ca. late 19th/early 20th c.): This small structure is clad with board and batten siding and a standing-seam metal roof. Fairly recent renovations include raising the roof, and replacing doors and windows.

¹ Owner found a reference to finishing the barn that year.

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Garage (ca. 1930s): Located west of house, the garage sits gable-front to the road. It is sided with clapboards and has a corrugated metal roof. The two vehicular bays each have a beaded-board sliding door. Sic- light windows are found on the side walls.

46. Statement of Integrity:

Jordan Farm, with its assemblage of 19th and early-mid 20th century outbuildings, and expansive agricultural landscape consisting of extensive fields, woodlands and stone walls, retains an exceptionally high degree of integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

48. Bibliography and/or References:

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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
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Photo 2 description: Farmhouse
Roll: 7 Frame: 6 Direction: N



Photo 3 description: East elevation of barn and attached carriage shed
Roll: 4 Frame: 3 Direction: N

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Photo 4 description: From left: corn crib/blacksmith shop & woodshed
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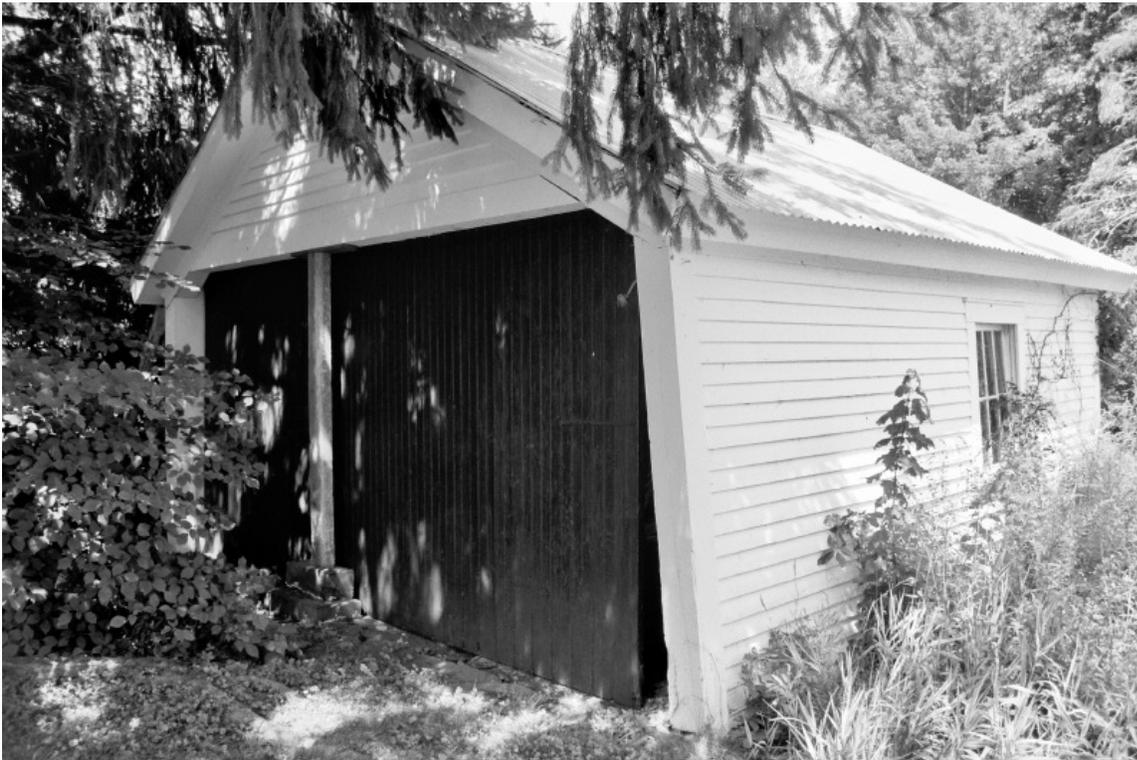


Photo 5 description: Garage
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Photo 6 description: View of fields north of farm buildings
Roll: 4 Frame: 6 Direction: N