

**INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM****NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0157*****103 Old Loudon Road***

*This property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The following information updates that nomination, with a focus upon the agricultural history and outbuildings. The original nomination is on file at NHDHR.*

**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.

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

*Changes/additions noted since the 1982 National Register nomination form was completed:*

House: The current owner has been repairing and replacing the weathered clapboards and stripping/renovating the front door. The original rear wing has had a full length porch added to the southeast side along with a dormer (photo #3). During the renovations to this portion of the house it became apparent that the original wing of the house only projected to the outside door nearest the house. The wing was extended further to the rear at a later date, A new two story "L" extension has been added to the rear wing on the northeast side (see photo #6).

Barn: The original barn remains much as reported in 1983. It is a four bay post and beam, gable front structure resting on a granite block foundation. The exterior has wood clapboard siding and an asphalt shingle roof. The front (southeast) face retains the double track barn door with 12-light transom, 6/6 windows in the gable. Ornamentation is limited to wide corner boards and simple gable returns. The rear (northwest) end has a matching double slider door to the front but lacks a transom light. The hand hewn post and beam frame is of queen post design. Type "B" cut nails were evident throughout the structure.

The earlier "L" wing on the northeast side of the barn has been reconstructed and expanded to include a new dormer and overhead doors (see photo #2). The current owner explained that the father of Jim Burdett reportedly moved this earlier "L" wing to this site from a location on Mountain Road in

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Concord in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. A large photographic studio has been added to the rear of the renovated "L" (see photos 4 & 5). This new addition is of contemporary wood frame construction with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. The foundation is poured concrete.

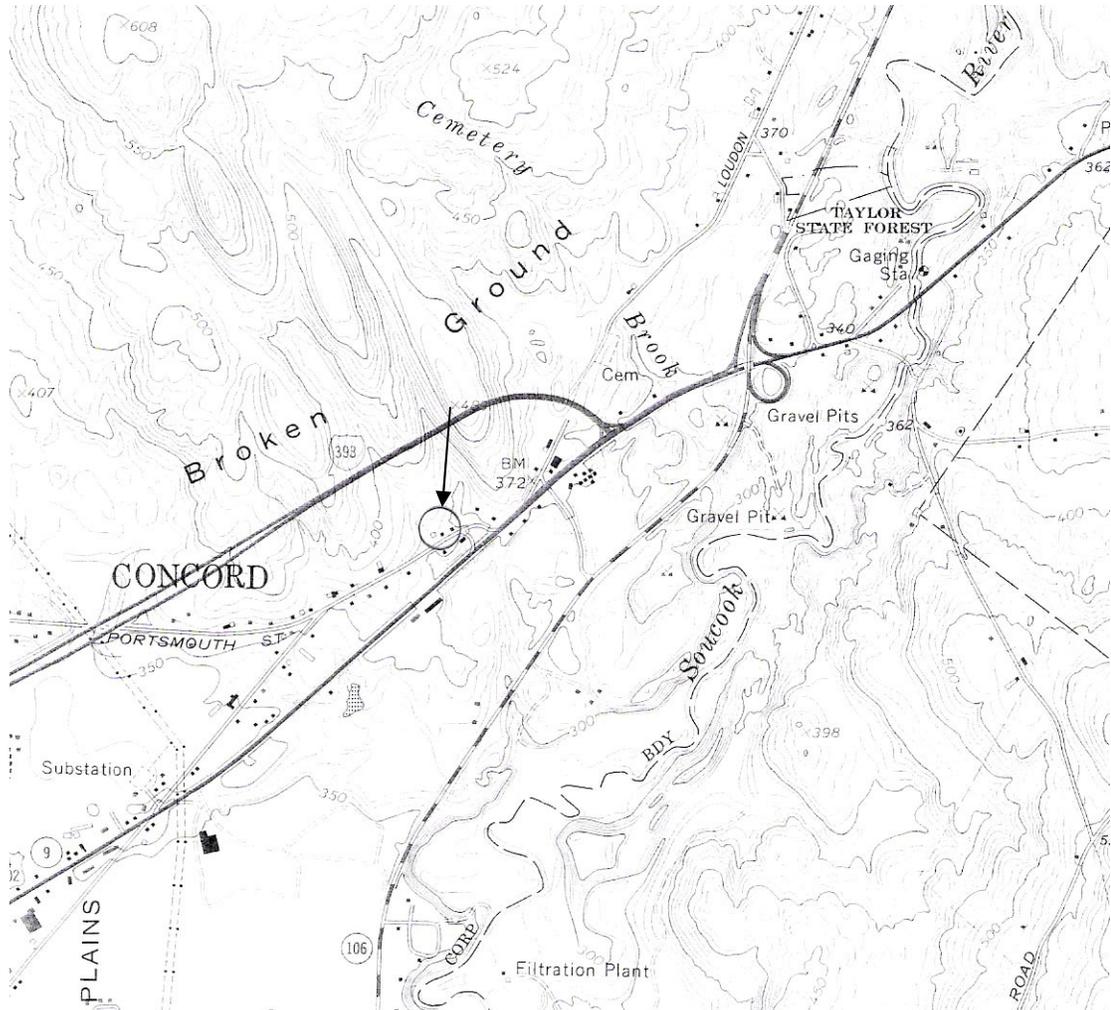
Privy: The privy appears unchanged from the 1983 NR nomination form.

Shop: The shop building appears unchanged from the 1983 NR nomination form. However the property owner pointed out that the northwest (back) side of the structure is settling and beginning to lean to the north and he is concerned that he may be unable to maintain it. One feature not previously described is shown in photo #8; a second story barn door is still intact on the northeast side of the shop. According to the owner, and suggested by the use description in the 1983 NR nomination, this door was reportedly used to move a piano into the dance hall in the spring and remove it to a warmer location during the winter months.

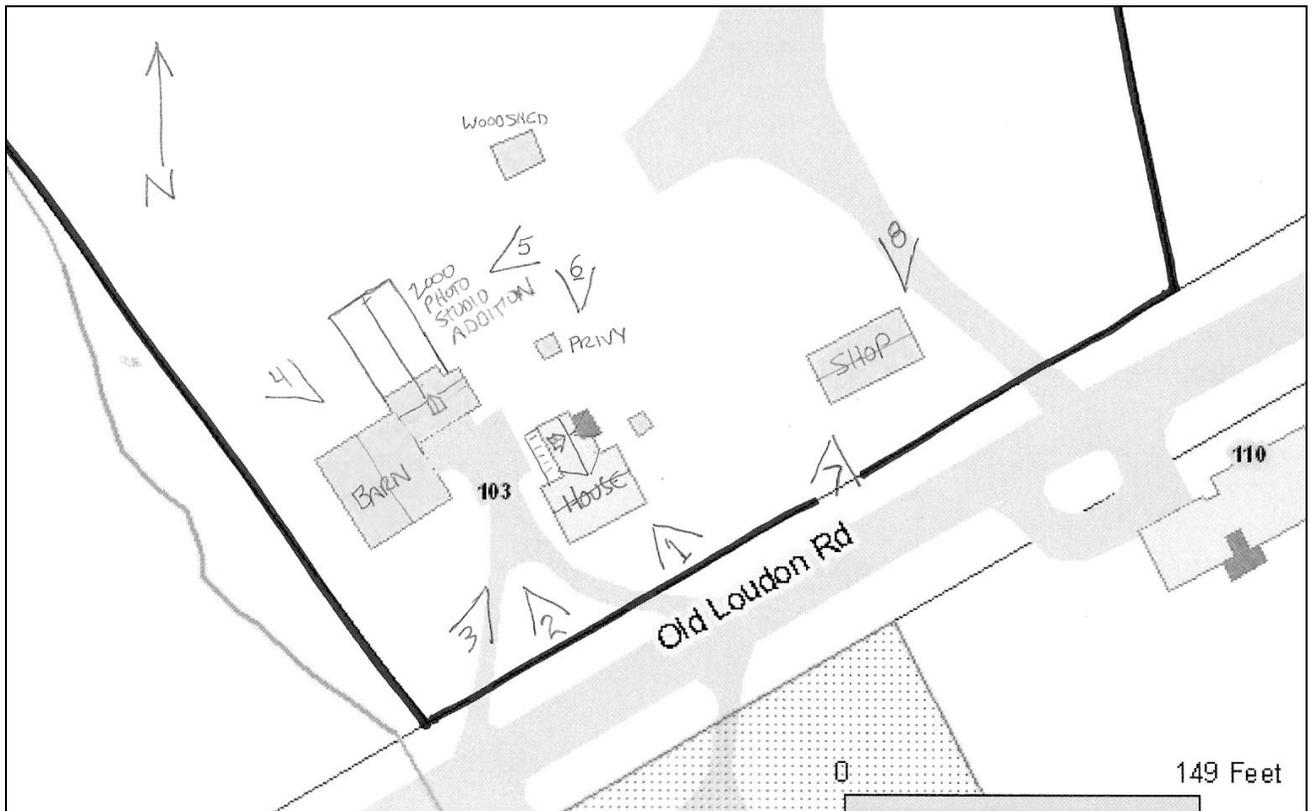
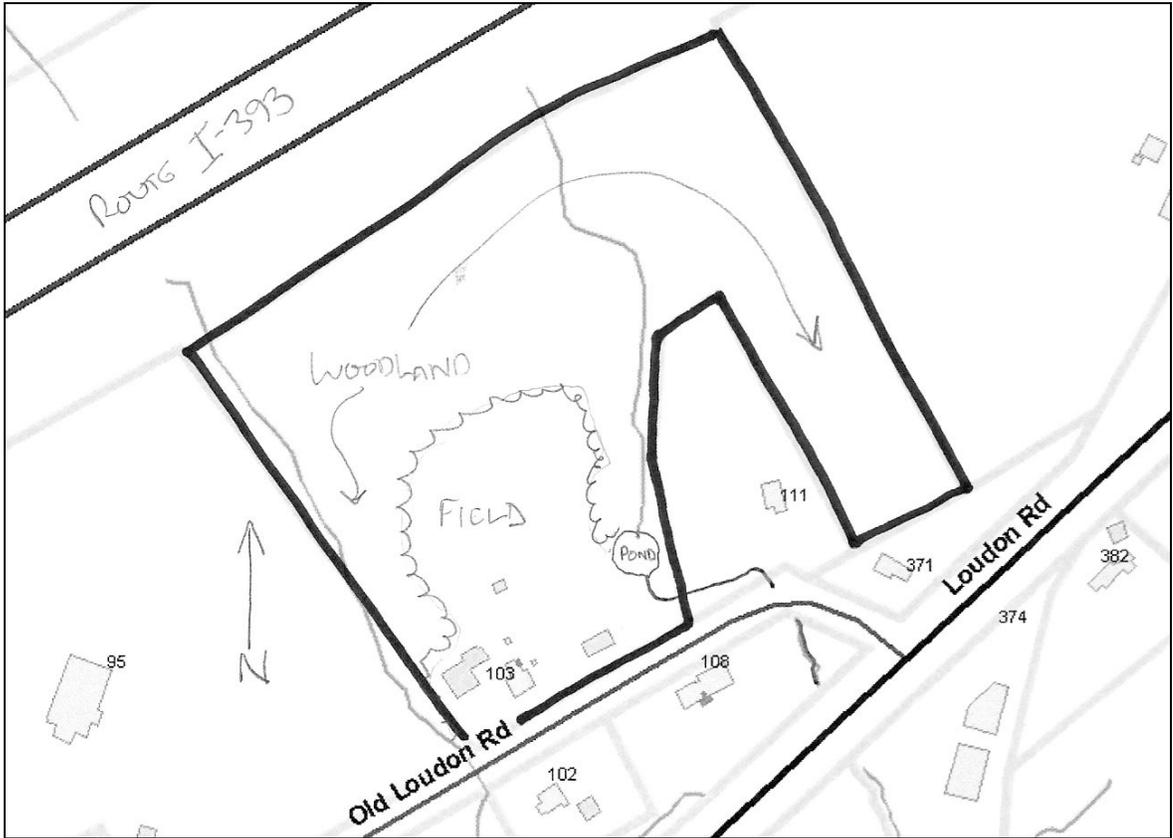
**48. Bibliography and/or References:**

Garvin, James, "Leavitt Farm," National Register of Historic Places nomination, 1980.

Location Map - USGS map, not to scale



Property Map & Photograph Key



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Photo 1 description: Front (southeast) elevation of house  
Roll: 3      Frame: 15      Direction: NW



Photo 2 description: Front (southeast) face of barn showing recent new garage addition  
Roll: 3      Frame: 16      Direction: NW

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Photo 3 description: Front of barn and renovated rear wing of house

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Photo 4 description: Northwest end of barn

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Photo 5 description: New Garage and studio addition on northeast side of barn  
Roll: 3 Frame: 21 Direction: SE



Photo 6 description: Rear (northwest) elevation of house with recent additions and privy  
Roll: 3 Frame: 20 Direction: S

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Photo 7 description: Shop building

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Photo 8 description: Northeast elevation of blacksmith shop, showing second floor barn doors used to

remove the piano during winter months

Roll: 3

Frame: 19 Direction: S