

**INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM**

**NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0179**

**Name, Location, Ownership**

- 1. Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. District or area: Oak Hill Agricultural Neighborhood
- 3. Street and number: 130 Oak Hill Rd.
- 4. City or town: Concord
- 5. County: Merrimack
- 6. Current owner: Robert V. Johnson, II

**Function or Use**

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

**Architectural Information**

- 9. Style/type: vernacular Federal
- 10. Architect/builder: Unknown
- 11. Source: Inspection
- 12. Construction date: ca. early 19<sup>th</sup> c.
- 13. Source: exterior visual analysis
- 14. Alterations, with dates: \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Moved? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exterior Features**

- 16. Foundation: granite block
- 17. Cladding: vinyl
- 18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
- 19. Chimney material: brick
- 20. Type of roof: gable
- 21. Chimney location: twin (rear slope; one missing)
- 22. Number of stories: 2½
- 23. Entry location: front, center
- 24. Windows: primarily 6/6  
Replacement? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Features**

- 25. Setting: rural
- 26. Outbuildings: barn
- 27. Landscape features: open fields, stone walls, Turtle Pond to rear of property
- 28. Acreage: 13.84 acres



**Description:** Front (northeast) and northwest side of house

- 35. Photo #1
- 36. Date 8/21/2008
- 37. Roll # 2    Frame #2    Direction: S
- 38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

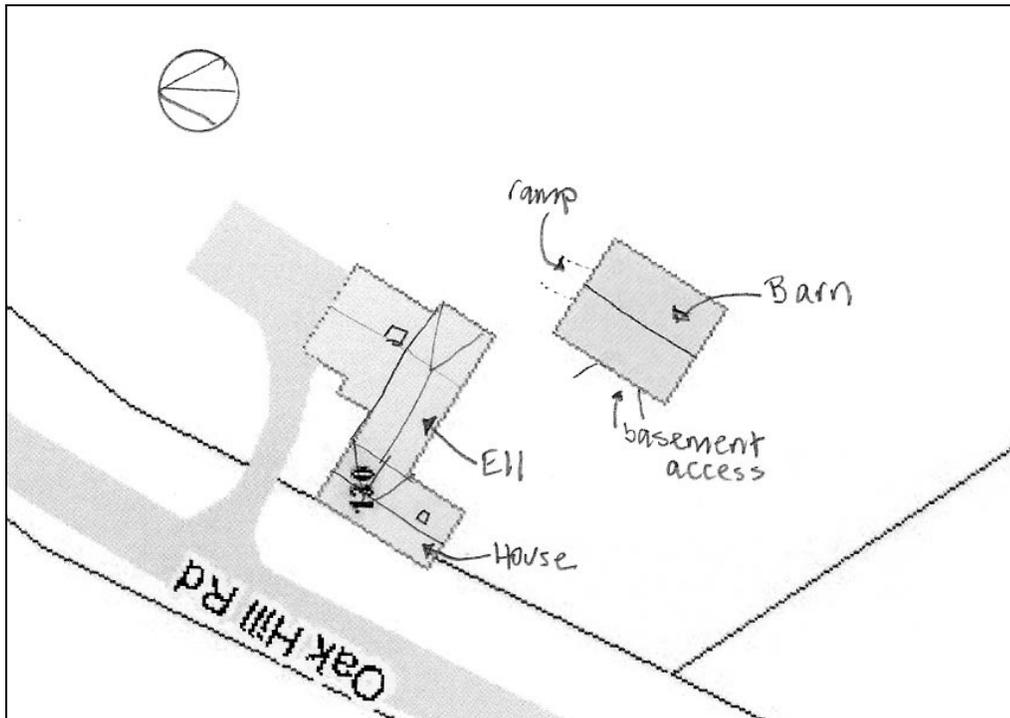
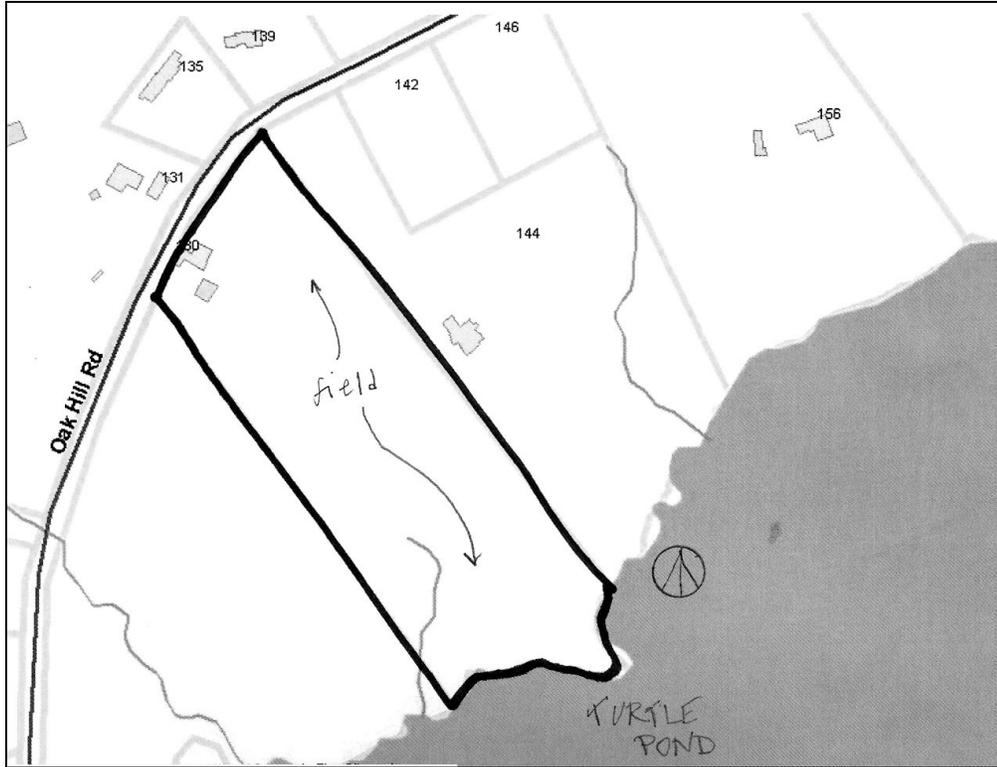
- 29. Tax map/parcel: 119/1/2
- 30. UTM reference: 19.295345 / 4792605
- 31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Penacook, 1:24000

**Form prepared by**

- 32. Name: Roger C. Hawk
- 33. Organization: for Concord Heritage Commission
- 34. Date of survey: 8/21/2008



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:**

Like most of the farms along Oak Hill Road, this was long occupied by members of the Potter family. This particular farm, however, was the only property that stood on the south side of the road—all of the other 9-10 farms were sited on the north side. In 1858, H.H. Potter resided here; he also owned the farm directly across the road (131 Oak Hill, see CON0180). J.L. Potter farmed here in 1892.

**42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:**

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

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

House: (ca. early 19<sup>th</sup> c.): This is a 2½ story, five-by-one bay, twin chimney (of which one is missing) house that rests on a granite block foundation. Its vernacular Federal-style appearance derives primarily from its form. Walls, originally clapboard, are now clad with vinyl siding that has obscured or removed most historic trim. The boxed cornice and returns suggest a mid-19<sup>th</sup> c. remodeling. Windows have 6/6 sash. A 2½ story ell projects to the rear, to which is attached an addition extending to the northeast; both of these sections of the farmhouse appear to have been significantly renovated (or, in the case of the addition, perhaps constructed) in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.

Barn: (ca. early 19<sup>th</sup> c.): The barn is a four-bay, gable-front bank barn with a Queen-post timber frame. The roof frame has principal rafters, roof purlins and vertical sheathing boards. The structure rests on a foundation comprised of a mix of granite and concrete block. The wagon entrance is centered on the northeast gable end and accessed via a modest earth ramp. Replacement sliding doors are set beneath a

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32-light transom. A louver is located in the gable peak and a row of small six-light windows along the southeast wall.

**46. Statement of Integrity:**

This property, with its early 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse and barn, as well as extensive open fields and stone walls, retains integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

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

Amsden, Grace P., *A Capital for New Hampshire*. Unpublished manuscript in 3 vols., written between 1930 and 1960.

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Lyford, James O., ed., *History of Concord, NH*. Concord: Rumford Press, 1903, 2 vols.

**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   
 not eligible   
 more info needed

NR Criteria: A   
 B   
 C   
 D   
 E

Integrity: yes   
 no

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Photo 2 description: Northwest side of barn viewed from Oak Hill Rd.

Roll: 2 Frame: 3 Direction: E



Photo 3 description: Northeast (front) face of barn

Roll: 2 Frame: 1 Direction: SW