

**INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM**

**NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0177**

**Name, Location, Ownership**

- 1. Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. District or area: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Street and number: 393 Mountain Rd.
- 4. City or town: Concord
- 5. County: Merrimack
- 6. Current owner: H. Byers & Marian B. Smith Trust

**Function or Use**

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

**Architectural Information**

- 9. Style/type: gable-front
- 10. Architect/builder: Unknown
- 11. Source: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Construction date: ca. 1890
- 13. Source: Research, ext. visual analysis
- 14. Alterations, with dates: 3 porches (1930-40s)
- 15. Moved? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exterior Features**

- 16. Foundation: brick
- 17. Cladding: asbestos shingles
- 18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
- 19. Chimney material: brick
- 20. Type of roof: gable
- 21. Chimney location: slope slope
- 22. Number of stories: 2½
- 23. Entry location: off-center
- 24. Windows: 2/1, 1/1, 4/1

Replacement? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Features**

- 25. Setting: rural
- 26. Outbuildings: barn, well
- 27. Landscape features: fields, cow path, foundation
- 28. Acreage: 21.7 acres



**Description:** Farmhouse

- 35. Photo #1
- 36. Date Fall 2008
- 37. Roll #4      Frame #34      Direction: NW
- 38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

- 29. Tax map/parcel: 122-4-3
- 30. UTM reference: 19.292280 / 4794450
- 31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Penacook, 1:24000

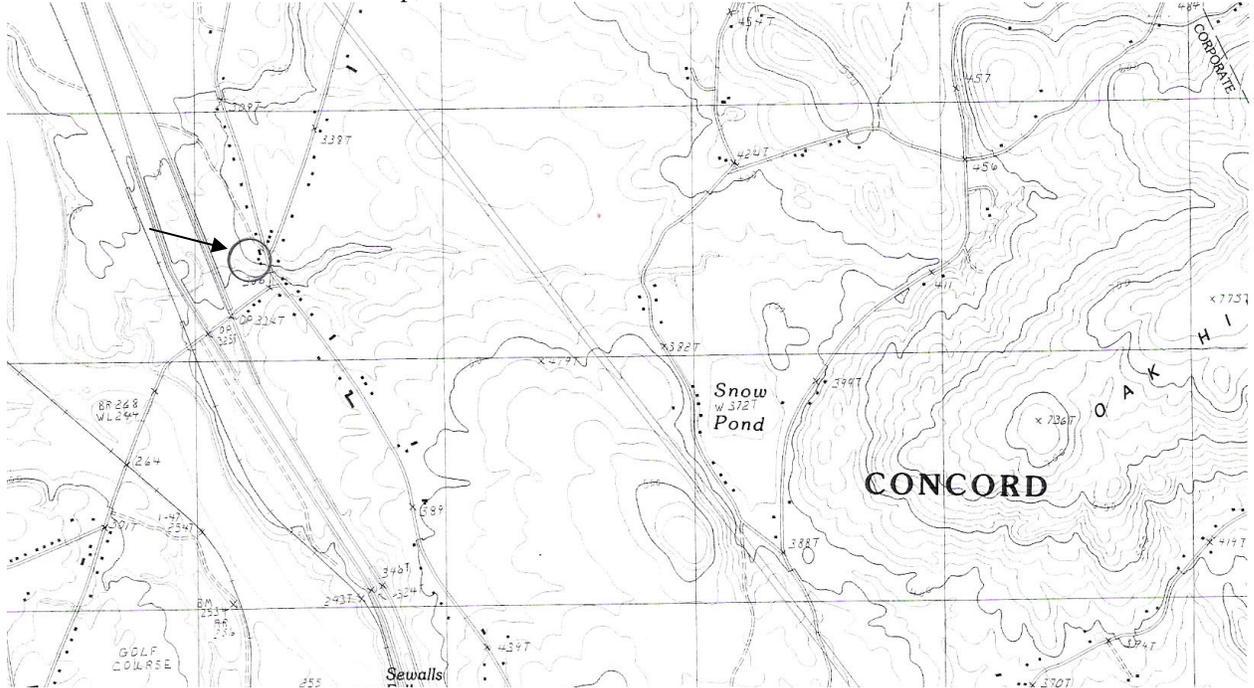
**Form prepared by**

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

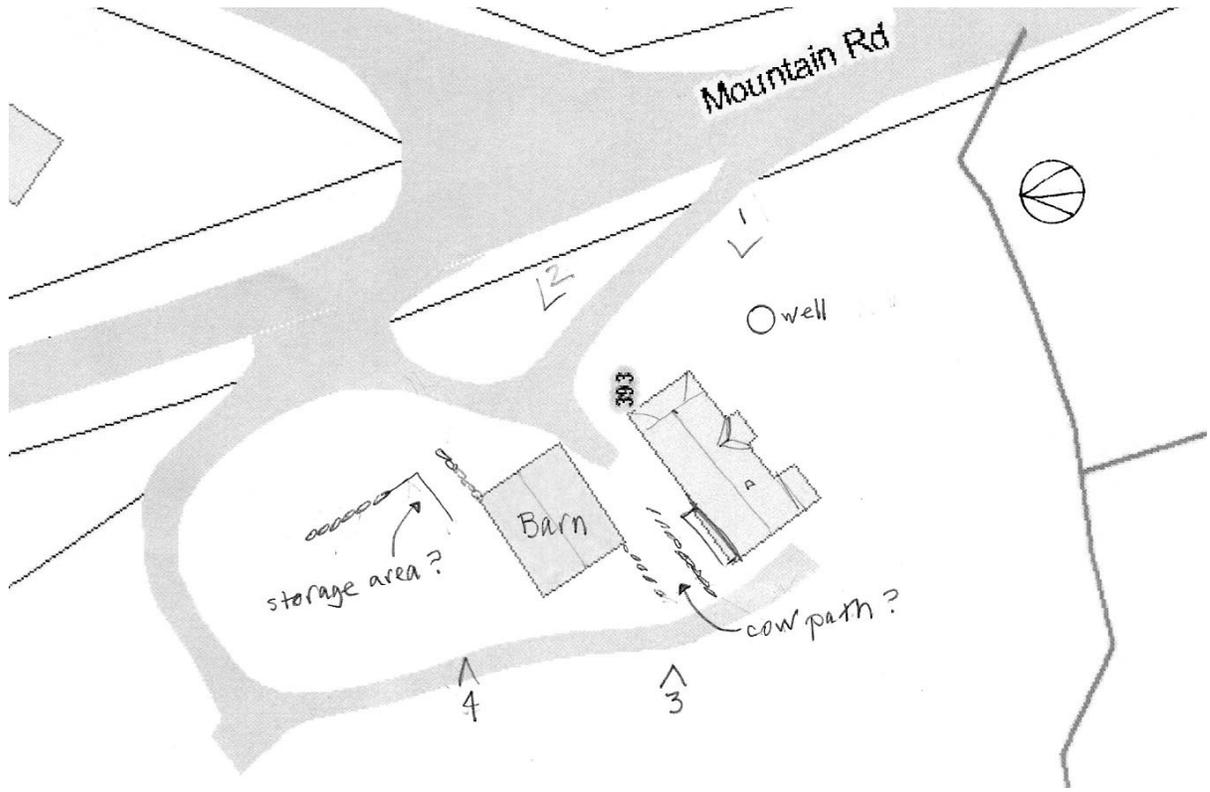
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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



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:**

In 1892, this farm was owned by A. Stevens, possibly the original owner, as the farmhouse appears to date from the 1890s. At that time, it was one of ten houses, all of them likely farms, clustered around the intersection of Mountain and Sanborn Roads. A schoolhouse at the juncture served the neighborhood.

**42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:**

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

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

Once one of many farms in the immediate vicinity, today this is the only one that has retained accompanying open farmland. Extensive open fields sweep to the north and west (and likely extending as far as the Merrimack River prior to the construction of Interstate 93). A stream flows through the southern portion of the property.

Off the southeast corner of the house, there is a well, capped with a surface granite slab secured by a stone. Between the house and barn, a path (likely a cow path) is defined by a granite block retaining wall on the south and an more informal stone wall on the north. Another granite block retaining wall is found by the northeast corner of the barn, as is what appears to be a former storage area with poured concrete and board walls.

House (ca. 1890): The farmhouse is perched on a knoll overlooking the road. The 2 ½ story, gable-front structure has raking eaves with scroll corner brackets, asbestos siding (likely covering clapboards) and primarily 2/1 window sash. A full-height bay window projects from the south elevation. The facade has

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a full-width, hip-roof porch with a novelty siding parapet wall and a band of storm sash; it was probably added in the 1930s. Two other porches of similar vintage are found at the rear of the south and north elevations.

Barn (ca. 1890): [Note: interior access was limited] The barn is a four-bay, front-gable, bank structure with a balloon frame. The center drive has been floored over. The two rear bays have whitewashed walls, indicating they housed cows in the early 20<sup>th</sup> c.

Exterior walls are clad with clapboard on the front (east) elevation and wooden shingles elsewhere. The wagon door is centered on the facade and has an interior, rolling plywood door. Above it are two hay doors and, protruding from the peak, a hay track. A window with 6/6 sash flanks the doors on each level. The south wall is lit with four-pane stall windows, and the north wall with 9/6-sash windows.

**46. Statement of Integrity:**

This property retains a high level of 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.

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: East gable front of barn  
Roll: 4 Frame: 33 Direction: NW



Photo 3 description: Rear (west elevation) of barn. Path defined by retaining wall & stones to right of barn likely a cow path.  
Roll: 4 Frame: 35 Direction: E

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Photo 4 description: North elevation of barn & foundation wall suggesting outbuilding since removed  
Roll: 4 Frame: 36 Direction: E