

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0164

Name, Location, Ownership

- 1. Historic name: Bennett Farm Barn
- 2. District or area: _____
- 3. Street and number: Blackwater Rd. at Warner Rd.
- 4. City or town: Concord
- 5. County: Merrimack
- 6. Current owner: Laura M. Jobin Family Trust c/o Richard Jobin

Function or Use

- 7. Current use(s): vacant
- 8. Historic use(s): poultry and hay

Architectural Information

- 9. Style/type: _____
- 10. Architect/builder: Unknown
- 11. Source: _____
- 12. Construction date: ca. _____
- 13. Source: Research, Inspection
- 14. Alterations, with dates: _____
- 15. Moved? no yes date: _____

Exterior Features

- 16. Foundation: _____
- 17. Cladding: _____
- 18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
- 19. Chimney material: _____
- 20. Type of roof: gable
- 21. Chimney location: _____
- 22. Number of stories: _____
- 23. Entry location: _____
- 24. Windows: see description
Replacement? no yes date: _____

Site Features

- 25. Setting: rural
- 26. Outbuildings: _____
- 27. Landscape features: fields and woodland
- 28. Acreage: 4.9 & 19.9



Description: Front (east) side of barn

- 35. Photo #1
- 36. Date 8-18-2008
- 37. Roll #1 Frame #17 Direction: NW
- 38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

- 29. Tax map/parcel: 106/3/6 & 106/3/4
- 30 UTM reference: 19.284960 / 4792115
- 31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Webster, 1:24000

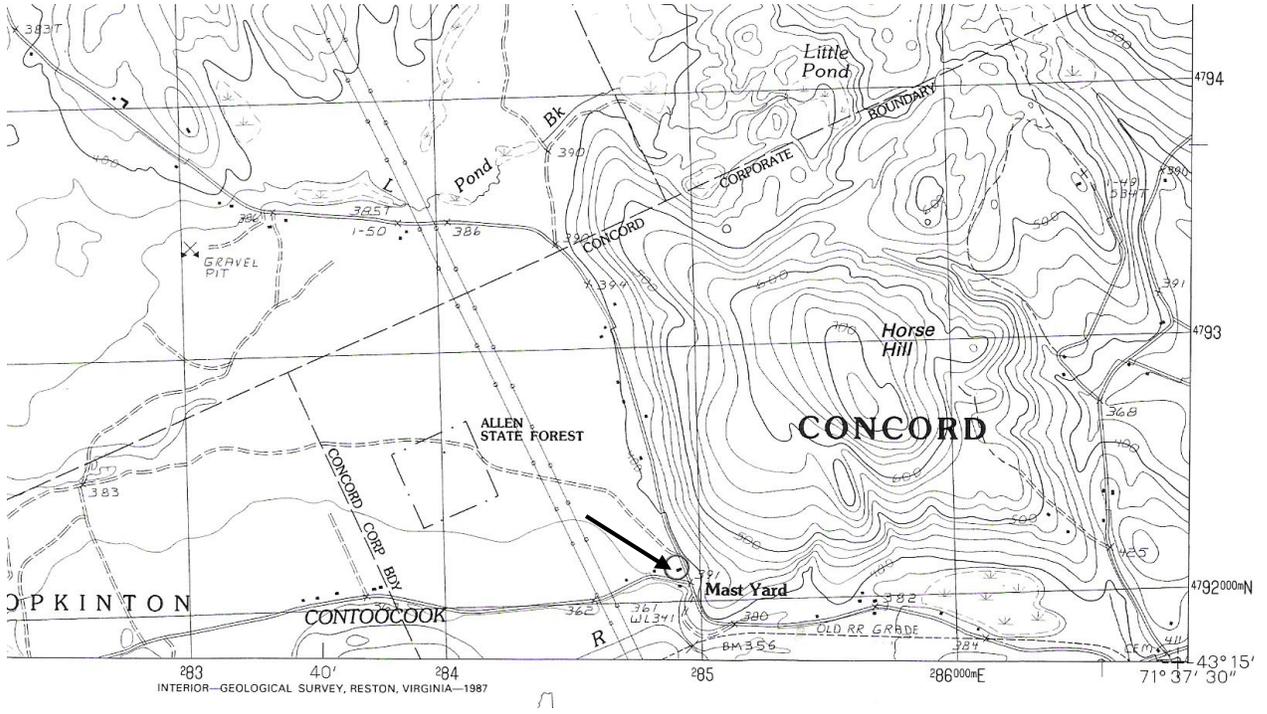
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- 32. Name: Roger C. Hawk
- 33. Organization: for Concord Heritage Commission
- 34. Date of survey: 8-18-2008

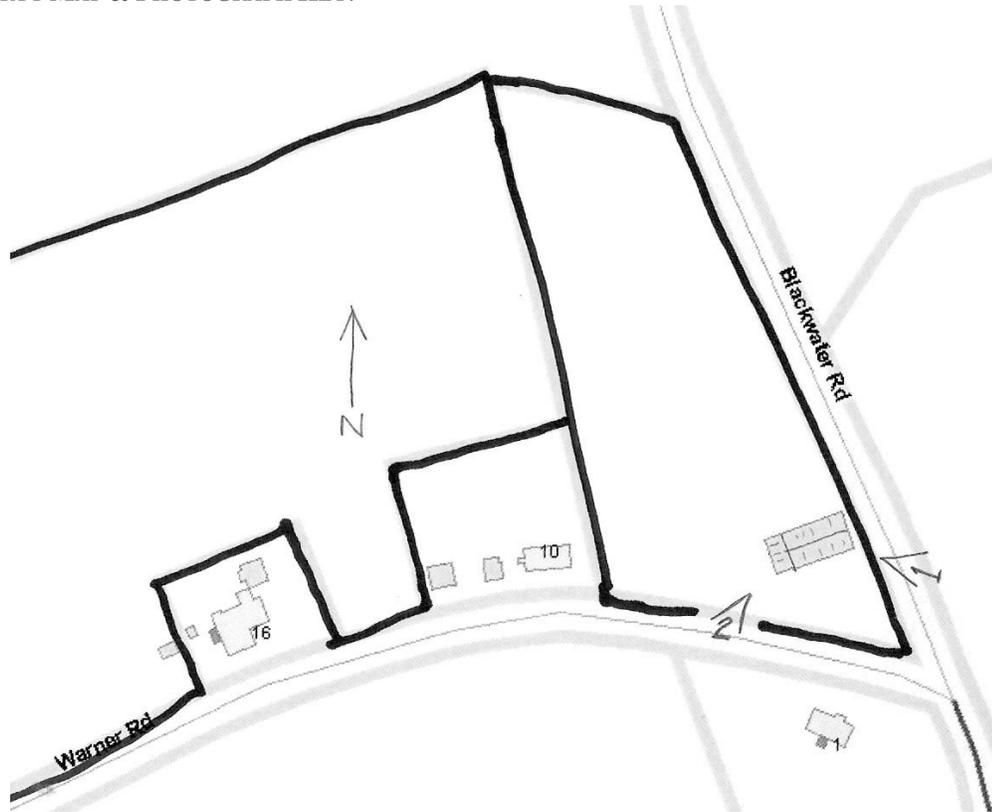
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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



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:

This barn likely belonged to Jedediah Hoit's farm in late 18th and early 19th centuries. Amsden wrote that "Present day Murray farm on the River road was, for at least four generations, the Hoit farm. As early as 1817, Jedediah Hoit, approaching old age when he must give up the responsibility of this considerable farm, deeded the place to his son who, in turn, deeded it to his father for use during his natural life. ...Until 1901 Jedediah's farm remained in possession of his descendents."¹

According to Richard Jobin, trustee of the Laura M. Jobin Family Trust, Richard's grandfather, Lester Murray (b. late 1800s, d. mid-1970s), purchased the property around 1900. At that time it included several other properties including #1 and #10 Warner Road and the field behind #10. The land was used for farming and hay fields as well as raising poultry. The Murray family also ran an extensive poultry operation on River Road. A large hen house still stands just east of Murray Greenhouses.

Murray used the house at #1 Warner Road as a poultry slaughterhouse in the mid-20th century. It has since been renovated into a home. Richard grew up in the house at #10 Warner Road; his parents acquired it in the 1950s from Lester Murray. Murray transferred the barn to his daughter, Laura Jobin, shortly before his death in the 1970s. It was placed in a family trust in 2006.

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

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

64. Poultry farming, 1870-present.

¹ Amsden, Chapt. 20: 13. Also see Chapt. 20: 4 and Chapt. 14: 16.

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43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

Barn (ca. 1890): This 2½ story, 5 bay, gable front bank barn faces Blackwater Road and sits on a 4.9 acre parcel but is in contiguous ownership to the adjacent field to the west, giving the property an additional 19.9 acres. It rests on a granite block foundation and has a formed metal roof. Siding on the main barn is horizontal clapboard. A sliding, diagonal beadboard barn door is centered on the east side with a 16-light transom. Two 6/6 double hung windows are symmetrically located above the barn door on the second level with a single 6/6 window near the gable peak. A single 6/6 window is centered on the opposite end (west) gable. Square fixed lights are located on the first level, centered on each structural bay along the south wall. Angle braced open bays provide access to the lower level along the south side. A corrugated-metal shed-roof addition is attached to the western end of the barn. It has passage doors on the south and west sides as well as several 6-light fixed windows. The shed addition has vertical barnboard siding on all but the south side, which is covered with clapboards.

46. Statement of Integrity:

This property, with its 19th century barn and surrounding fields and woodland, 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.

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.

Interview

Richard Jobin, trustee of the Laura M. Jobin Family Trust, November 2008

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: West end and south elevations of barn

Roll: 1 Frame: 16 Direction: NE