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453 Josiah Bartlett Road

The following information updates the inventory form prepared for 453 Josiah Bartlett Road in 1992, with a focus upon its agricultural history and outbuildings. The original form 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 1992 DHR Inventory Form completed:

House: Vinyl siding has been installed on the main house.

Barn (ca. 1850-1870): Since 1992, this gable-front bank barn has had a new formed metal roof installed and the first story of the northwest side has been resided with vertical board and batten. Above the sliding barn door on the northwest side, the clapboards, horizontally hinged hay loft door and hay track remain intact (see photo #3). The transom over the barn door has been covered with translucent fiberglass. The front (southeast) and southwest sides of the barn remain unchanged from the 1992 survey.

The 5 bay, 40'x60' queen post barn structure is a combination of hand hewn and circular sawn timbers with 2x6 roof rafters and horizontal roof sheathing. The third and forth level above ground grade ceiling was raised 18"-24" in the front two bays and used as a hen house. This area was screened off with chicken wire and whitewashed. It also appears that the southeast-facing windows on this level may have been enlarged to provide greater ventilation. Some of the interior elements of the milking parlor remain intact in the cow shed.

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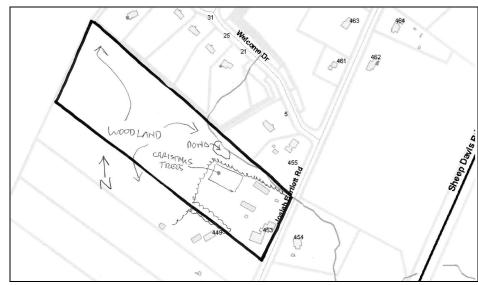
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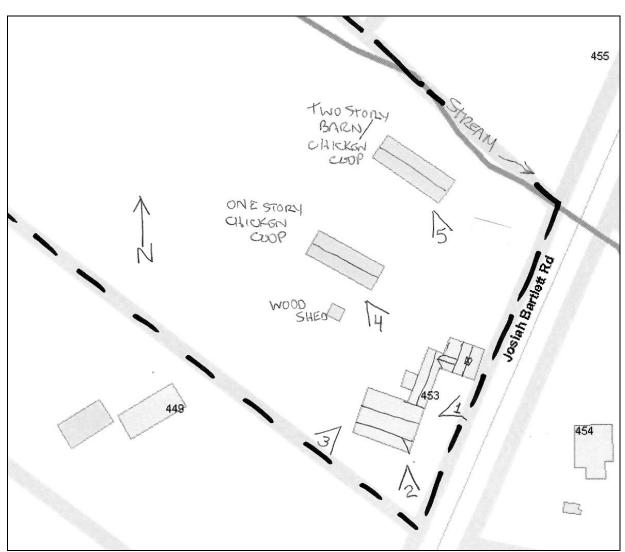
One Story Hen House (1942): This 2x4 framed, concrete slab on grade, shallow pitched gable roofed structure retains its clapboard siding and corrigated metal roof and appears to be unchanged from the 1992 survey.

Two Story Barn/Hen House (1952): The novelty siding and asphalt shingle roof (southerly slope) remain intact as does the sliding barn door located on the front (southwest) side. A formed metal roof has been installed on the northerly slope of the gable roof. The structure is built on a concrete slab on grade with 2x dimensioned lumber. Physical evidence suggests, and Mr. Clemons confirmed, that the ground level of this structure appears to have been used for calving. Four pairs of passage doors are evenly placed along the southern face of the building on both levels, likely for ease of cleaning. Similarly, floor scupper openings are located at the level of the second floor to simplify cleaning of the hen house on that level. The structure is currently used for storage.

Wood Shed (1987): See 1992 survey.

PROPERTY MAP & PHOTOGRAPH KEY





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Photo 1 description: Front (southeast) elevation of barn.

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Photo 2 description: South corner of barn showing hipped roof cow shed addition

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Photo 3 description: Rear (northwest) and southwest elevations of barn and cow shed addition

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Photo 4 description: One story hen house

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Photo 5 description: Two story barn/hen house

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