

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.254
Historic Name:	West - Cook - Clark, D. B. House
Common Name:	
Address:	856 Lowell Rd
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Hildreth's Corner
Local No:	F6-1484
Year Constructed:	c 1860
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut; Stone, Uncut



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FORM B - BUILDING

CON. 254

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Assessor's number

F6-1484

USGS Quad

CONCORD

Area(s)

Form Number

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Town CONCORDPlace (neighborhood or village) SELT AHildreth's CornerAddress 856 Lowell RoadHistoric Name West/Cook HouseD. B. Clark / ~~West~~ HousePresent dwellingOriginal dwellingDate of Construction ca. late 1850'sSource visual assessment; mapsStyle altered Greek Rev.Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation dressed granite and fieldstoneWall/Trim wood clapboardRoof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

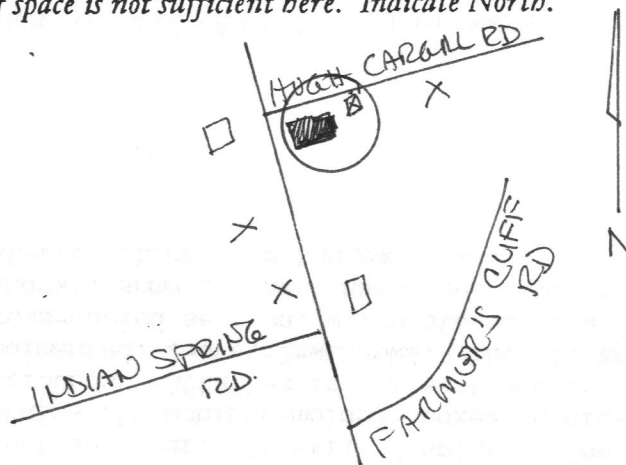
20th C.: shed dormers, pedimented
entry porch. Rear additions, exterior
chimney. (See also P. 2.)

Condition fairMoved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/AAcreage less than one acreSetting Side to street at corner of

Hugh Cargill Rd. Stone retaining wall
in front of house; stone wall and verti-
cal board fence at street. Long curved
drive.

Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.



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June, 1992

Date (month/day/year)

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

In spite of its many additions, this house still shows evidence of its origin as a "story-and-a-half" Greek Revival cottage, probably built with a one-story side ell. The building is in three sections. The main 1 1/2-story house is altered by the replacement of its entry, by a rear addition, and by a long shed dormer on both front and rear. It still displays a four-bay facade configuration, however, and retains its echinus-molded, boxed cornice, and 2-over-2-sash windows with pedimented surrounds. Attached to its east end is a short one-story ell, which also has pedimented, 2-over-2-windows. The ell acts as a link to a large 2-story cross-gabled section, which stands on a fieldstone foundation. It has 6-over-6-sash windows, some of which have been replaced, a sunroom on the northeast corner, and an exterior chimney on the east side.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house was evidently built shortly before the Civil War. It was occupied, at least, by a man named Peirce in the 1880's, and may have been owned by him. Other names that may have been associated with the house are West (1871), and Mrs. Cook (1875). It was acquired some time before 1885 by Tileston T. Davis, son of Abel Davis, who had a farm on the west side of the road just south of the Hutchinson/Brown farm. (#1266 Monument St.) His mother, the oldest woman in town, lived here with him, on a pension from the War of 1812.

After Mr. Davis died, this property was bought by Dana B. Clark of Bedford, an engineer on the Boston & Lowell Railroad. His family owned the house until the middle of the twentieth century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Maps, atlases: ca. 1871, 1875, 1889, 1906.
Keyes/Tolman.
Town directories and tax files.

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