

Concord Historical Commission

Historic Marker Program Application

Please complete the application below and attach additional information as requested. Submit the completed application to the Concord Historical Commission, c/o Department of Planning and Land Management, 141 Keyes Road, Concord MA 01742.

Applicant Information:

Name: David and Patie Turrettini  
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The applicant (property owner) requests approval for an historic marker for the property located at:

70 Elm St. Concord, MA

Please summarize below by which criteria the property is eligible for a marker. Please also provide exact wording proposed for the marker and indicate which motif (the Old North Bridge or the West Concord Depot) your marker will bear.

70 Elm Street matches 2 criteria:  
(1) It was built in 1800's so is more than 75 years old.  
(2) As described in Massachusetts historical commission document,  
it represents a well preserved example of architecture  
at its time. As a motive, please use Old North Bridge and  
write on top: William F. Hurd, with 1856 below his name.

With this application, please submit photocopies of all relevant documentation, including a copy of the property Inventory Form from the *Survey of Historical & Architectural Resources* (please see guidelines). The applicant will be notified when the application has been reviewed. Thank you for participating in Concord's Historic Marker Program.

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# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

**Inventory No:** CON.85  
**Historic Name:** Hurd, William F. House  
**Common Name:**  
**Address:** 70 Elm St  
**City/Town:** Concord  
**Village/Neighborhood:** Concord Center  
**Local No:** G9-1725  
**Year Constructed:** c 1880  
**Architect(s):**  
**Architectural Style(s):** Italianate  
**Use(s):** Single Family Dwelling House  
**Significance:** Architecture  
**Area(s):**  
**Designation(s):**  
**Building Materials(s):** Roof: Slate  
Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard  
Foundation: Brick



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**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

For its connection with the late nineteenth-century residential development of Concord center, and as a well-preserved example of the architecture of its time, this house qualifies as part of a National Register district under Criteria A and C.

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.**

#70 is the second in a line of three nearly identical 2 1/2-story, gable-end vernacular Italianate houses built on W.F. Hurd's land in ca. 1880. Like #s 62 and 78 Elm, #62 has a two-story polygonal bay window on the facade, a one-story bay on the west side, and dormer windows on either side of the roof. This house has a 2-story one-bay extension on the east side and rear, with a 1-story ell behind it. All three houses have pedimented entry porches, the one here is a Classical Revival type with fluted Doric columns and pilasters built some time after 1909 as a replacement for a facade-width veranda. The cornice is boxed; the narrow cornerboards and frieze are typical of the vernacular Italianate. The main door is six-panel; the foundation is brick; the roof is slate. A back porch was enclosed and a rear kitchen added after 1965.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.**

The north side of Elm Street, (formerly Great Road,) between Main Street and the Sudbury River was low-lying swamp land until the late 1850's, when Samuel Wheeler, who owned the large farm to the north, began reclaiming the land. The farm failed and the farmhouse burned in 1859, however, and much of the Wheeler property on this side of the river, including this lot, was acquired at low cost by William F. Hurd, who laid out house lots and put up houses in the vicinity, selling them off over the 1870's and '80's. According to Keyes, this house was one of that Hurd had built, and is shown on maps by 1883. Like #s 62 and 78, he appears to have kept this as a rental house. One tenant in the 1880's was named Marrs; the house is also said to have been occupied prior to 1900 by one of the Alcott daughters, and by the mother of renowned hairress Hetty Kett. From at least 1893 to 1896 it was the home of Mrs. Frank C. Gage; in 1915 it was occupied by Leslie R. Moore, Asst. State Inspector of Gas, and his family.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

- Keyes, III/380.
- Town directories.
- Maps, plans, and atlases: 1883-4, 1889, 1893, 1906; Sanborns from 1903.
- Interview with owner, 1990.

FORM B - BUILDING

(ON 60)

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

RECORDED

11/15/90  
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AREA

FORM NO.

85



CONCORD

Address 70 Elm Street

Historic Name

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

ca. 1880 (1875-6)

Source maps; style

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) new porch

Condition good

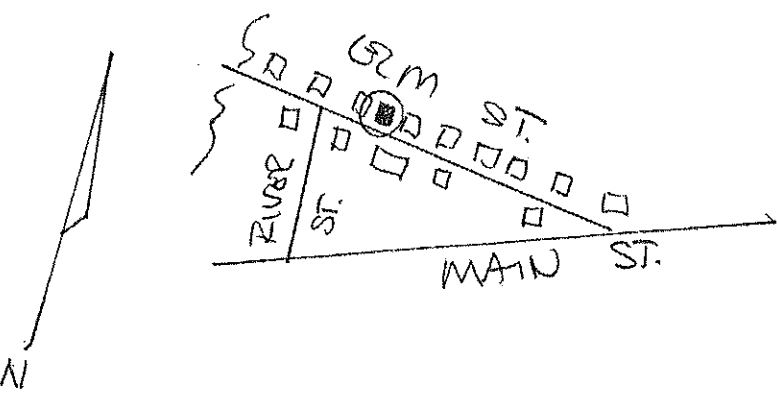
Moved no Date N/A

Acreage less than one acre

Setting At base of Elm Street, in

area of late-19th-C. houses

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE Parcel 09 1725

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization Research by Susan Hollis for Concord Hist. Comm.

Date July, 1990





 **4** **4.5** **3,600** **0.38**  
Map beds baths sq ft acres lot

Commute Time 70 Elm St, Concord, MA 01742

 FEMA Zone X (est.) • Flood Factor 6/10 **NEW**

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**\$2,181,200**

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**Property Overview** - WATERFRONT! NEW CONSTRUCTION on the Concord River! Originally built in 1856 and reimagined to meet today's buyers' needs, this magnificent one-of-a-kind property is just a short distance to Concord's historic center! Imagine canoeing, fishing and paddle boarding directly from your back yard then strolling into the Concord Center for a bite to eat or shopping. This convenient, stunning and well-conceived property was designed by one of Concord's most sought-after architects and built by one of Concord's most prolific builders. A previous project by this exact team received an award from the historic commission for its quality, style and attention to detail. EVERY ASPECT OF THIS PROPERTY HAS AN ATTENTION TO DETAIL THAT IS RARELY OFFERED. The craftsmanship abounds. Shiplap ceilings, dramatic crown moldings, nautical touches, two gas fireplaces on the first floor, a first floor deck overlooking the river, one of Concord's only rooftop entertainment decks and so much more! True gourmet kitchen!