

# FORM B - Building

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 Boston, Massachusetts 02125**

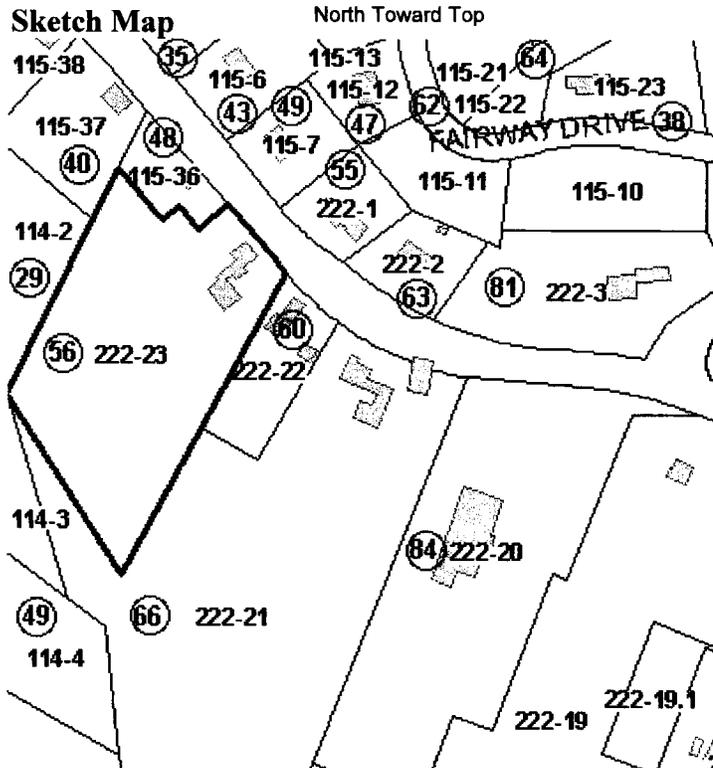
Map and Lot # 222-23 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 431

Town Groton  
 Place (neighborhood or village) Groton2

## Photograph

*(3"x3" or 3-1/2x5" black and white only) Label photo on back with town and property address. Record film roll and negative numbers here on form. Staple photo to left side of form over this space. Attach additional photos to continuation sheets.*

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Recorded by Sanford Johnson  
 Organization Groton Historical Commission  
 Date (month/year) 12/07

Address 56 Boston Road  
 Historic Name  
 Uses: Present Residential  
 Original Residential  
 Date of Construction c. 1850  
 Source Maps of 1847, 1856

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved no  yes  Date

Acreage 3.5

Setting Outside center village on Rt 119

*Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.*

## BUILDING FORM

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

see continuation sheet

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

- \* The house at 56 Boston Road is a 3x3-bay, front-gabled, 1 1/2-story Greek Revival style design with a 1-story gable-roofed addition at the rear of the plan that attaches the side-gabled barn; two gabled dormers mark the eastern slope of the main roof; a brick chimney rises from the same roof slope to the rear of the dormers
- \* Windows are 6/6 double-hung units that might be replacement units; windows have plain trim
- \* The side-hall entry is recessed and lit by 3/4-length sidelights; trim consists of pilasters and entablature above
- \* Decorative features are the gable returns, paneled corner boards, wide frieze on the eave sides, molded cornice and symmetrical fenestration
- \* An enclosed porch expands the plan at the east side of the rear addition
- \* The modestly scaled attached barn has 2 vehicle openings under a row of transom lights in the north facing eave side; siding is wood clapboards and the roof is asphalt shingles
- \* The house and barn are well-maintained and occupy a site just outside Groton Center; the relatively small size of the house is smaller than most in the center but is comparable to others on the outskirts of the center village on Pleasant Street, Court Street and the house at 11 Station Avenue

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

see continuation sheets

*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.*

The house at 56 Boston Road appears from historic maps to have been built around 1856. The owner depicted on the map from that year was H. C. Haynes who also owned the house at 270 Boston Road (MHC ###) which was probably his primary residence. He may have rented the house at 56 Boston Road. Mr. Haynes was born c. 1817, married to Vesta Ann with 5 children, 2 live-in laborers and was listed in state census records as a yeoman. By 1875, the owner was M. Nutting and by 1889, F. Hart, a tanner, lived here. Little else is known about these owners. The 1930 map of Groton shows J. J. Denahy as the occupant. This is likely Jeremiah Denahy who is listed in the 1918 resident directory as a farm hand living on Main Street near Boston Road.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1856 Walling map of Middlesex County; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1832 and 1847 Butler maps; 1939 WPA map; 1850-1880 Agricultural census schedules; Samuel A. Green's town history; Caleb Butler's town history; 1930 map; Resident directories, 1918, 1929; 1855, 1865 state census; 1888 Resident Directory;

**\*\* All properties mentioned in bold type are individually inventoried resources**

- Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement Form.

**INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET**

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