

FORM B - Building

**Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125**

Map and Lot # 113-22 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 434

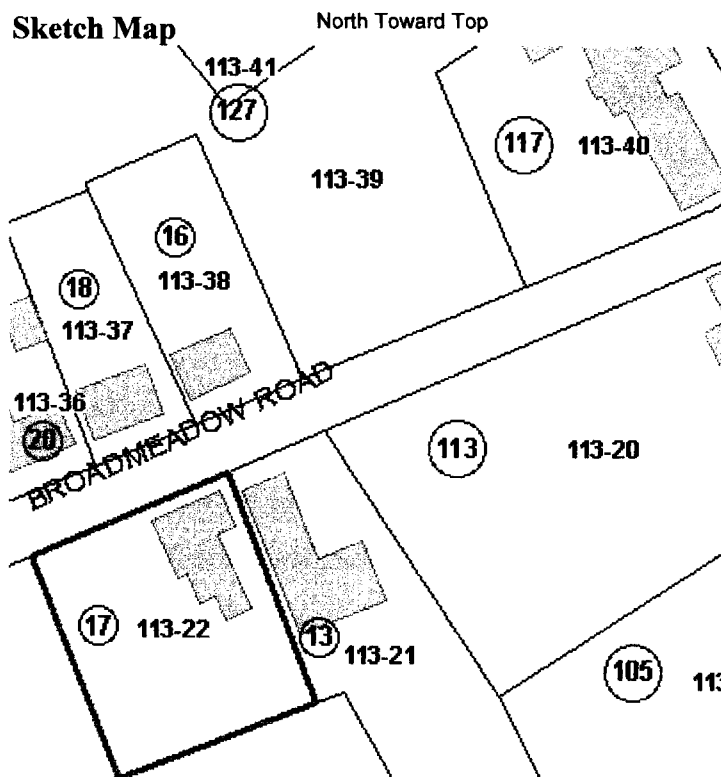
Town Groton
Place (neighborhood or village) Groton Center

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.

Roll Negative(s)

Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

Address 17 Broadmeadow Road

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1800

Source Estimate

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Excellent

Moved no yes Date

Acreage .3

Setting Town Center

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 17 Broadmeadow Road is a 2 1/2-story, side-gabled, 4x1-bay form with elements of the Federal style; a 1-story gable addition has been made to the rear of the plan
- * Decorative features include the gable returns, corner boards and nearly symmetrical fenestration; the simplified cornice detail consists of an angled board
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with plain trim
- * The off-center entry has classical trim including a cornice and sidelights
- * The well-maintained house is of a small scale typical for this segment of Broadmeadow Road which is the site of six similar sized houses

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 owner of the house from c. 1847 to c. 1856 appears from historic maps to be Eli Blood who was born c. 1798, was married to Mary and worked as a laborer. By 1875, the merchant Charles Gerrish was the owner although this was one of the smaller buildings he owned in the center. He also owned houses at 13 Broadmeadow (MHC #???), 95 Main (MHC #16), 113 Main (MHC #14), and elsewhere. His business was storekeeping for 30 years, mainly at a building now located at 118 Hollis (MHC #103), moved from Main Street in 1889. Mr. Gerrish was a collector of historical deeds, letters and documents. By 1921, the building was in use as a domicile according to that year's Sanborn Fire Insurance map. The 1930 map shows Everett B. Gerrish as the owner but lists his residence as Main Street, suggesting he rented the property.

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; Butler's 1829 field notes; Federal census agricultural schedules, 1850-1880; Previous GHC Research; 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; 1930 Somes map; Resident directories; 1855, 1865 state census

**** 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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