

# FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 113-67 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 311

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)

Address 7 Court Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1860

Source Estimate

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

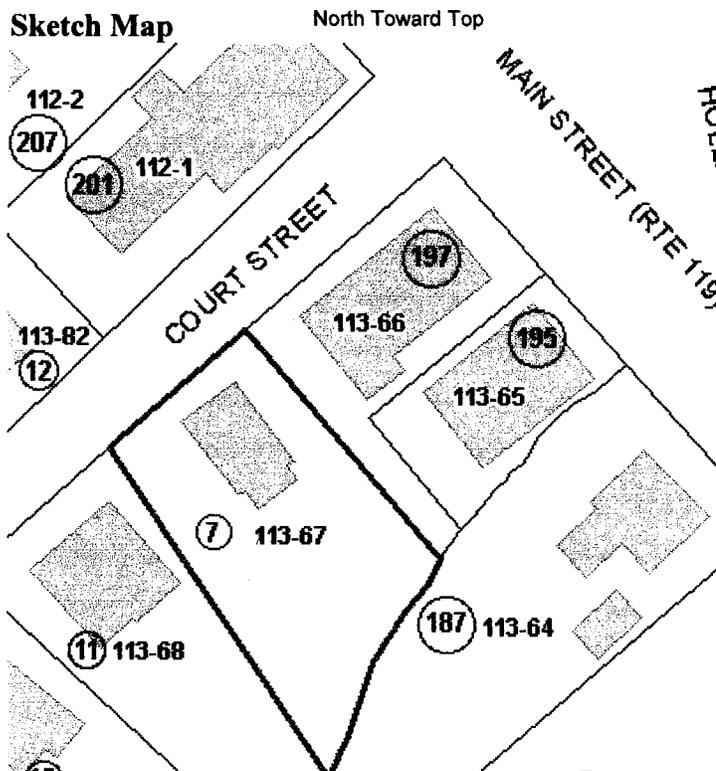
Condition Excellent

Moved no  yes  Date

Acreage .25

Setting Town Center

## Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

*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 7 Court Street is a front-gabled, 1 1/2-story, 3x2-bay form with elements of the Greek Revival style; a 1-story ell is oriented perpendicular to the main block and contains a secondary entrance under a shed porch
- \* Decorative features are the gable returns, corner boards, molded cornice and frieze board on the eave side
- \* Windows are 6/6 double-hung units with plain trim; the side hall entry also has plain trim
- \* A low brick chimney occupies the southwest slope of the roof
- \* The scale of the house is relatively small compared to houses on nearby Main Street although many on Court Street are of this scale
- \* The house is well-maintained and occupies a small lot just off Main Street

### 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 site of 7 Court Street was vacant and Court Street a dead end in 1847, the Railroad not yet having exerted sufficient influence to expand the street network of Groton Center. While the street was in place by 1856, the particular parcel had not yet been developed according to the Walling map of that year. However, by 1875 the resident of the house at this location was N. Priest, about whom little else is known. Mr. Priest's Widow occupied the house according to the 1888 resident directory. Mrs. Spaulding was a subsequent occupant and by 1921, the building remained in use as a domicile. The house is depicted on the 1930 map of Groton but no name is associated with it.

### 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;

**\*\* 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.

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**INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET**

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