

FORM B - Building

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 220 Morrissey Boulevard
 Boston, Massachusetts 02125**

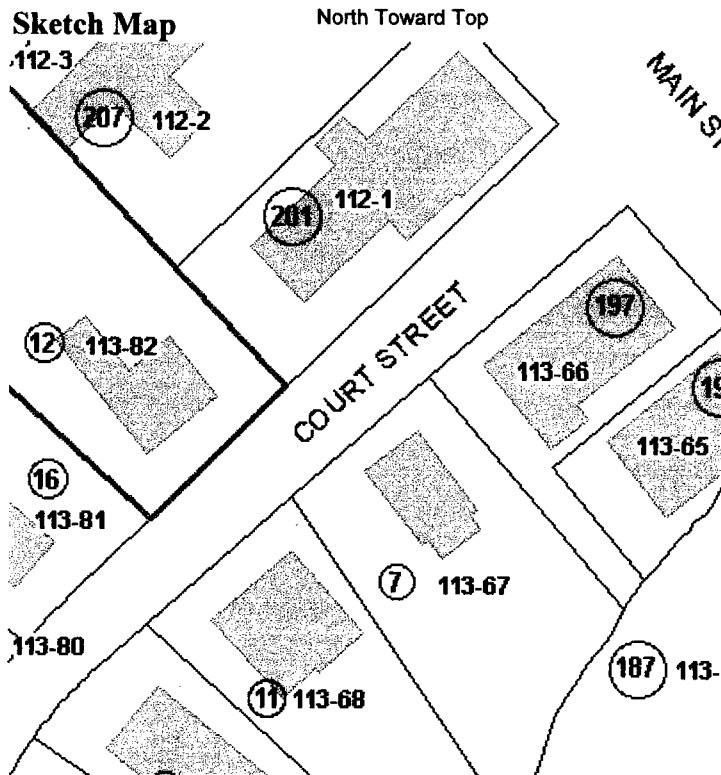
Map and Lot # 113 82 **USGS Quad** **Area(s)** Y **Form Number** 312

Town
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)



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

Address 12 Court Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1850

Source 1856 Walling map

Style/Form Greek Revival Cape Cod

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboards

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Bay window, enclosed porch added, c. 1900

Condition Good

Moved no yes **Date**

Acreage .5

Setting Town Center

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

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

- * The house at 12 Court Street is a 1 1/2-story, side-gabled, 5x2-bay Cape Cod form with elements of the Greek Revival style; the plan is enlarged by a three-sided bay window in the southwest side of the façade, an enclosed porch on the northwest elevation and two gabled dormers on the front slope of the roof
- * Decorative features include the symmetrical fenestration and classical trim around the center entry with cornice, sidelights and pilasters,
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung units except in the enclosed porch which has 2/2 sash
- * A tall slim brick chimney occupies the center of the roof ridge
- * The house occupies a parcel on a side street in Groton Center and is of similar scale to others on Court Street but smaller than the typical houses on nearby 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 1847 Butler map of Groton shows Court Street partly laid out and the lot for 12 Court Street vacant. By 1856, the house is shown but not labeled. By 1875, the owner was T. K. Stevens who remained until at least 1889. Rose Stevens' name is listed in the 1888 resident directory on Court Street but not T. K. Stevens. By 1921, the building is described on Sanborn maps as a domicile with an attached barn that no longer exists. The 1930 map of Groton shows John J. McCarthy as the occupant and resident directories state he lived with his wife Justina and worked as a laborer in 1918 and a caretaker in 1929.

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; 1930 Somes map; 1918, 1929 Resident directories; 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.
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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