

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 113 71 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 317

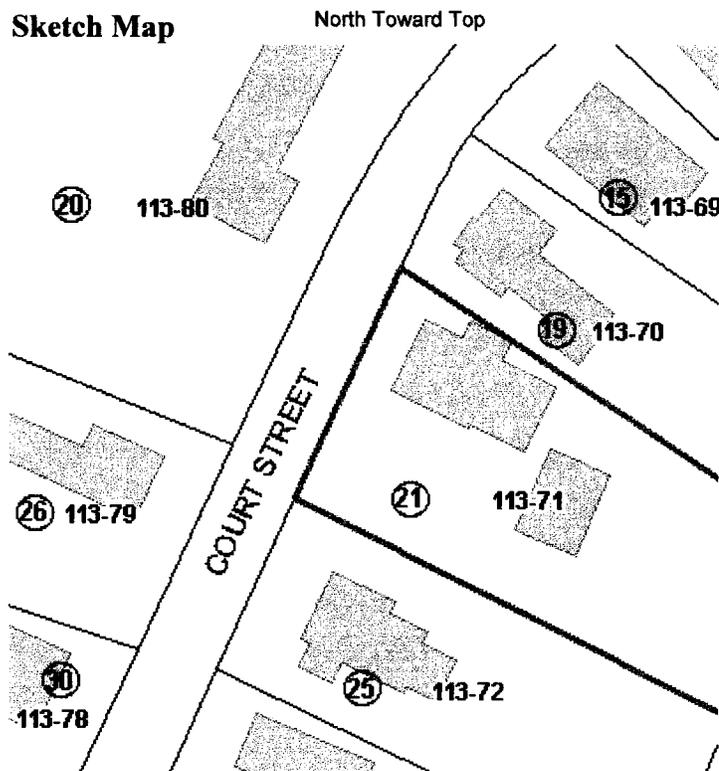
Town Groton Center
Place (neighborhood or village) Groton Center

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 21 Court Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Multi unit residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1875

Source Estimate

Style/Form Italianate

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached barn, c. 1900

Major Alterations (with dates)

Solar panels added, c. 1980; windows replaced, c. 1990

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

see continuation sheet

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

- * The multi-unit residence at 21 Court Street is built on a 2x2-bay, cross-gabled, 2 1/2-story form of Italianate design; this is enlarged by a gabled 2-story block projecting from the rear of the main block; 2 open shed porches expand the plan, one at the front elevation and the other at the side of the rear block; the porch at the façade has a spindle frieze across the cornice
- * Decorative features include the gable returns, corner boards and molded cornice with brackets on the main block and a simpler molded cornice at the rear block
- * Windows are modern 1/1 double-hung sash with shouldered hoods and beaded trim; examples at the first story are extended in length
- * The main entry of the main block is under the front porch and is trimmed with a bracketed hood, pilasters and sidelights
- * A single brick chimney rises from the core of the plan
- * The barn, which appears to have been adapted for use as a residence and structurally updated, is attached to the rear of the house by a small vestibule and has wood clapboard siding, modern windows and a molded cornice;
- * The house is larger than average for the Court Street area and is well maintained; the barn is one of perhaps two dozen in Groton Center

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 21 Court Street was likely built around 1875, the time the Italianate style was in vogue. The owner in that year appears to have been the Deacon Winchester about whom little is known. He was succeeded by Mrs. Woodward by 1889 according to the county atlas of that year. By 1918, the house was occupied by Rose and George T. Stevens, a grocer with a store located at the north corner of Main and Court Streets which he operated with his business partner Harry Tainter until at least 1930. The 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map indicates the barn was in use as an auto house. The barn appears to have been rebuilt within the last 20 years and has been put into residential use.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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May, "Groton Houses", p. 85; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; 1930 Tercentenary map of Groton;

**** 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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