

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 113-79 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 319

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 26 Court Street
Historic Name
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential
Date of Construction c. 1850

Source 1856 Walling map

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

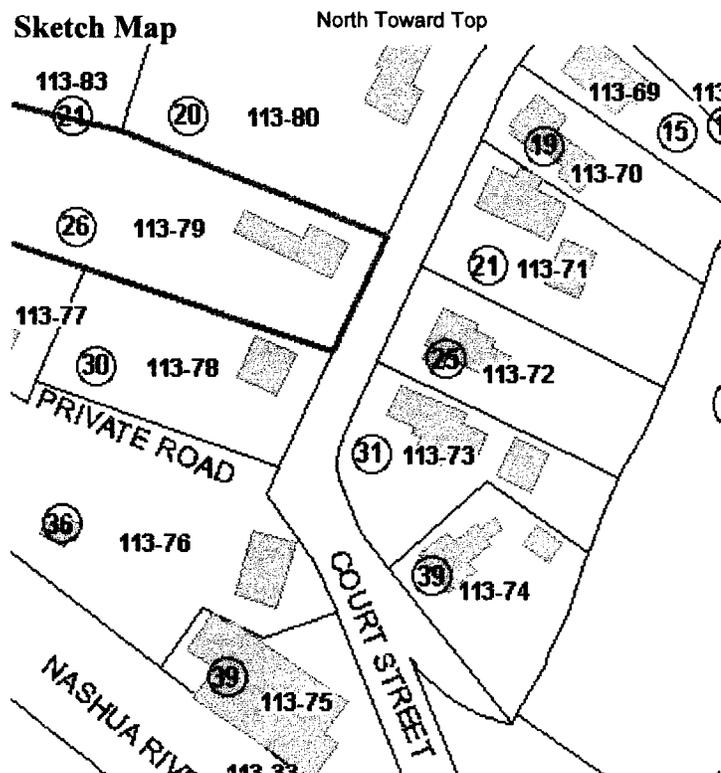
Condition Fair

Moved no yes Date

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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

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

- * The house at 26 Court Street is a 2 1/2-story Greek Revival style side-gabled form of 4x2 bays with the gable end oriented toward the street; a 2-story, 4-bay rear ell contains a cut-away porch and expands the plan at the rear parallel to the main block
- * Architectural features consists of the closed gable, corner boards and molded cornice
- * Windows are mainly 6/6 double-hung sash except for those in the upper story of the ell which are 3/3 units
- * The off center entry has classical trim including a cornice, pilasters and sidelights
- * A tall brick chimney rises from the front slope of the roof close to the façade
- * The house is of a scale larger than some others on Groton Center side streets; the house is in fair condition and retains most original design features

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 map of Groton Center by Caleb Butler indicates the eastern end of Court Street was in place but it had not been built as far west as the site of 26 Court Street. By 1856, the occupant of the house appears to have been N. Wood who remained until at least 1875. State census information from 1855 lists Nathan Wood as a cabinet maker born in NH c. 1795. He had a wife and daughter. Virginia May states that Mr. Wood also owned the house across the street at 25 Court Street (MHC ###). A subsequent owner was Nathaniel Livermore in 1889 according to the county atlas from that year and to the resident directory of 1888. By 1921, the house's footprint matched the existing form. The house is depicted on the 1930 map of Groton but is not labeled with an owner name.

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; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; 1855, 1865 state census; May, "Houses" p. 13;

**** 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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