

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 27 USGS Quad Y Area(s) Form Number 332

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.

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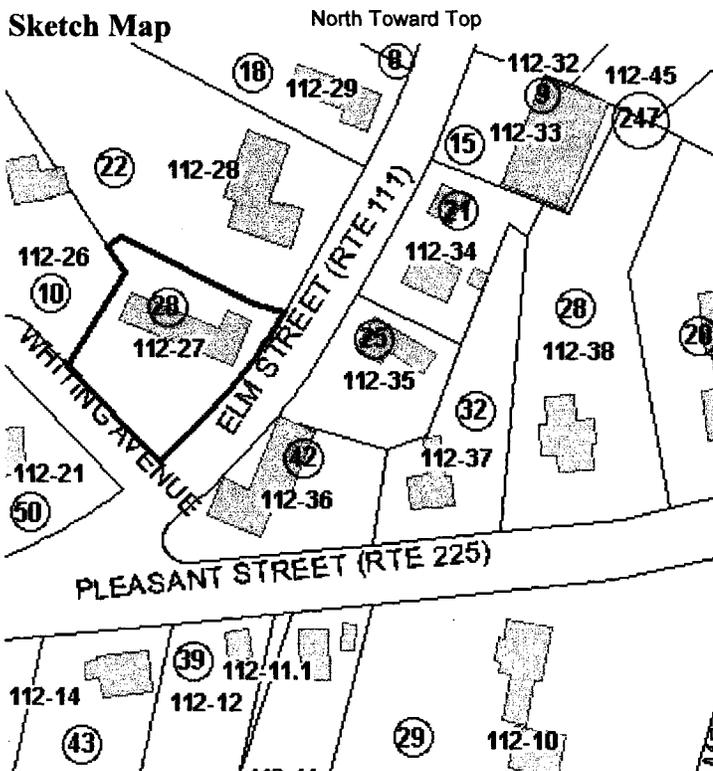
Address 28 Elm Street
Historic Name
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential
Date of Construction c. 1820

Source Estimate
Style/Form Federal-Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder
Exterior Material:
Foundation Split granite
Wall/Trim Wood clapboard
Roof Asphalt shingle
Outbuildings/secondary structure Attached modern garage

Major Alterations (with dates)
Rear addition, c. 2004

Condition Good
Moved no yes Date
Acreage .3
Setting Town Center



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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 core of the house at 28 Elm Street is a side-gabled, 5x1-bay Federal style block of 2 1/2 stories with an enclosed entry porch detailed with Victorian brackets and pilasters; The main block is enlarged at the west or rear elevation by what appears to be a historic ell and a modern extension with porch and attached modern garage
- * Decorative features of the historic core are the symmetrical fenestration pattern in the façade, gable returns, molded cornice and Victorian period corner blocks in the window surrounds
- * The entry porch has paired brackets in the Italianate mode with paneled pilasters below and cornice above
- * Windows are mainly 6/6 double-hung sash with 4/4 units in the sides of the entry porch
- * The modern addition at the rear is one story with a porch and attached 1-car garage
- * The house is well-maintained and is a locally unusual example of a floor plan that is one room in depth

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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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 28 Elm Street appears from the design to have been built around 1830 but does not appear on the Butler map of 1832. By 1847, the owner was John M. Whitney. By the time of the 1856 Walling map of Middlesex County, the occupant was Edward Fitch, a farmer. County atlases from 1875 and 1889 show E. Farnsworth and Mrs. Mary F. Culver, respectively, as the occupants. By the time of the 1921 Sanborn map, the house had been built up close to the current footprint but did not include the modern garage. The 1930 owner was William Duane, a laborer who lived here with his wife Delia and son Frederick, a gardener.

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, 1888, 1918, 1929; 1930 Somes map; 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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