

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 107-13 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 438

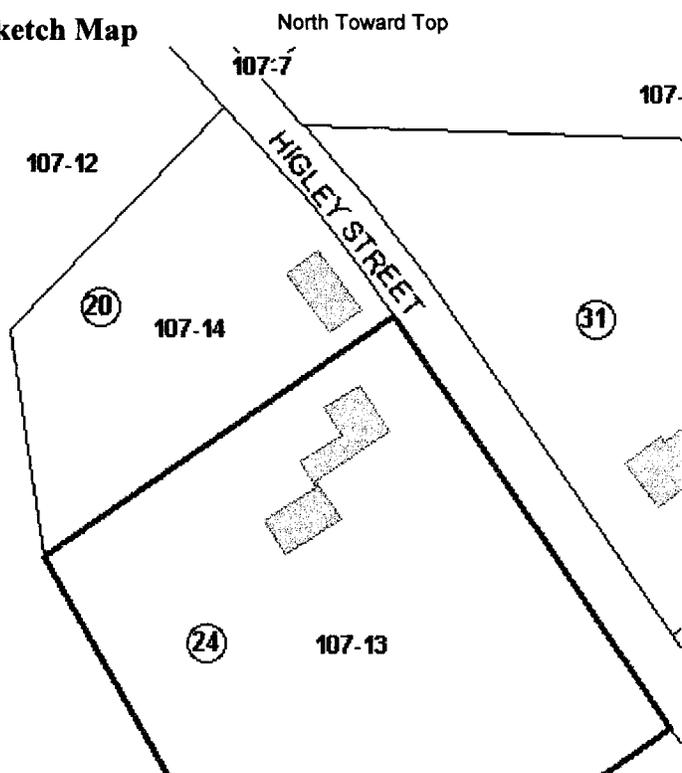
Town Groton
Place (neighborhood or village)

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 24 Higley Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential-agricultural

Date of Construction c. 1830

Source 1856 Walling map; estimate

Style/Form Federal-Cape Cod

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Wood shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Some window and door trim replaced, c. 1900; some windows replaced, c. 1980

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 2.14

Setting Rural

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 and barn at 24 Higley Street occupy an open flat parcel of formerly agricultural land; The side-gabled, 5x2-bay, 2-story house has elements of the Cape Cod form and Federal style; a 2-story ell of four bays projects off the back of the house and connects to the gable front barn
- * Decorative features of the house are the symmetrical fenestration in the façade, corner boards, gable returns and molded cornice
- * Windows in the façade are 12/12 double-hung sash with beaded trim; Elsewhere, they are mainly 6/6 units with corner blocks in the trim; modern casement windows also exist
- * The main center entry also has beaded trim with Victorian style corner block; Sidelights further accentuate the doorway; Additional entries are in the south elevation of the main block and of the rear ell which contains a modern door
- * Brick chimneys rise from the center of the main roof ridge and from the ridge of the rear ell
- * The barn is clad in wood clapboards on the façade, wood shingles in the gable peak and on the side walls; the principal elevation has only a vehicle door for access to the interior although a pedestrian door exists adjacent to it in the shed that connects the house
- * The house and barn are well-maintained and continue to suggest a strong connection to Groton's agricultural past

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 earliest map showing a house on this site is from 1856 and depicts William Kilburn at this location. Federal census schedules from 1850 list him as having 28 acres, \$1500 in property, a horse and a cow. State census records from 1855 list him as an 82 year old farmer. By 1875, A. E. Parkhurst was here according to the 1875 county atlas. This may be Albert Parkhurst who owned 32 acres, a farm worth \$3000 with a horse and 4 cows. Mr. Parkhurst remained until at least 1889 according to the atlas from that year. The 1930 owner was Mrs. John Lawrence who also owned houses at 112, 133, 154 Farmers Row (MHC #s 194, 85 and 379) in addition to the neighboring building at 20 Higley Street (MHC ###). By 1939, the farmland was in use as pasture. Higley Street appears to have been named for Edward Higley, a teacher at Groton School according to the 1888 resident and busienss directory for Ayer and Groton.

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; Resident Directories, 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.
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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