

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 134 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 26

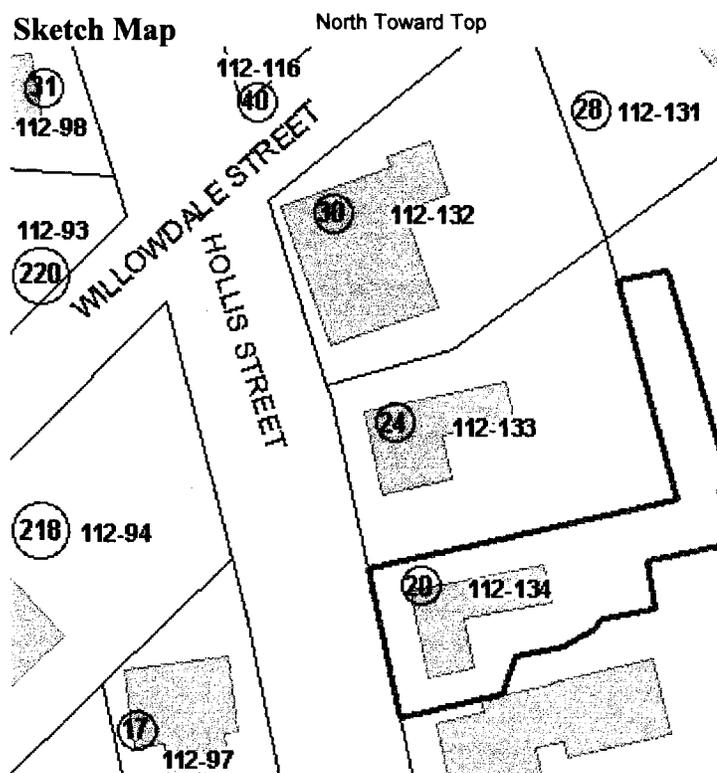
Town Groton
Place (neighborhood or village) Groton Center

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)

Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

Address 20 Hollis Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Commercial

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1750

Source Estimate

Style/Form Colonial

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboards

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Modern detached garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear ell added, c. 1920

Condition Excellent

Moved no yes Date

Acreage .2

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 house at 20 Hollis Street is a 5x2-bay, side-gabled, 2-story form with elements of the Colonial style; a large rear addition of 2 stories and 5 bays has been built perpendicular to the main block; a shed dormer has been added to the rear slope of the main block
- * Decorative features are the symmetrical fenestration pattern in the façade, corner boards and gable returns
- * Windows are mainly 6/6 double-hung units except for the 3/3 units in the second story of the façade; window trim has beaded edges and corner blocks
- * The center entry has 1/2-length sidelights surrounded by fluted trimboards marked by square corner blocks and a central rectangular block
- * Two brick chimneys mark the edges of the roof of the main block; these appear to have been rebuilt or added after the initial construction
- * The house is in excellent condition and has been adapted for use as professional office space
- * The well-maintained building occupies a small parcel in the town center and is of similar scale and materials to its neighbors
- * the 1-bay, front-gabled detached, wood frame garage in the rear is clad in wood clapboards and asphalt shingles

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 1832 Butler map and field notes indicate this may have been the home of Cephas Manning who owned a 1 story building with 1 chimney and 2 windows across the façade, a smaller house than the current one. The Colonial appearance of the current house, particularly the relatively low corner posts for a 2-story house, may suggest it was moved here after 1832. By 1847, C. Churchill was depicted as the occupant and by 1856, it was occupied by Mrs. E. Boynton who remained until at least 1875. This is Esther Boynton who was born c. 1796 according to state census records. By 1889, C. Shattuck was the owner. The 1888 resident directory indicates this is Charles Shattuck, a farmer. The 1921 Sanborn map depicts a house with a configuration similar to the current one but with 2 additional outbuildings. The 1930 owner was Mrs. E. F. Cunningham, widow of Roy Cunningham who worked as a farmer prior to his death.

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.
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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