

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 133 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 335

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 24 Hollis Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1835

Source Butler's field notes, 1828-1829

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Unknown

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

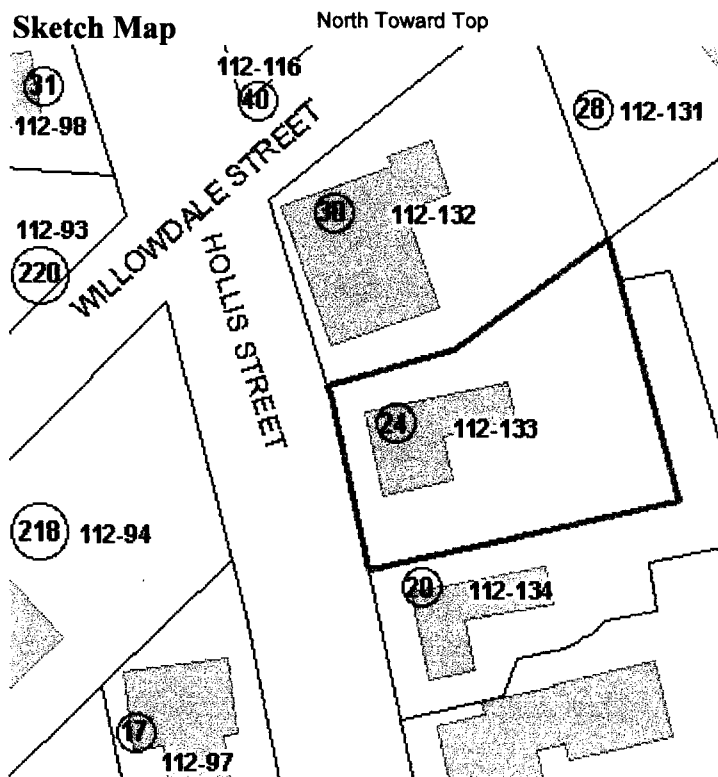
Condition Excellent

Moved no yes Date

Acreage .25

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

see continuation sheet

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

- * The house at 24 Hollis Street is a 2 1/2-story, side-gabled, 5x3-bay with elements of the Federal style
- * Decorative features are the molded cornice, fluted corner boards, gable returns and symmetrical fenestration in the façade
- * Windows are 2/1 double-hung sash with fluted trim and corner blocks
- * The center entry is flanked by 3/4-length sidelights and fluted pilasters with a cornice above; a secondary entry is located in the south elevation and has a Victorian style hood above
- * Matching brick chimneys painted white rise from the roof ridge
- * The house is in excellent condition and contains one of Groton's numerous 5x3-bay floorplans
- * The well-maintained building occupies a small parcel in the town center and is of similar scale and materials to its neighbors

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 describe this house as having 1 story, 1 chimney and 4 windows across the façade which was painted yellow. The house has since been enlarged, probably shortly after publication of the 1832 map. The owner at the time was Abel Walker. By 1847, the owner was Mrs. Bannum. The 1856 Walling map depicts N. Shattuck as the occupant. This is Norman Shattuck who was born c. 1818 and was married to Mary. The 1875 and 1889 county atlases depict N. Davis and J. Rowe, respectively, as the owners. James Rowe was a harness maker according to the 1888 resident directory. The 1921 Sanborn map shows the house to be in its current configuration but an attached shed has since been removed. The 1930 owners were Elizabeth and John Fitzgerald who worked as a laborer.

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; S. A. Green, Vol ii, p. 305; 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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