

# FORM B - Building

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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

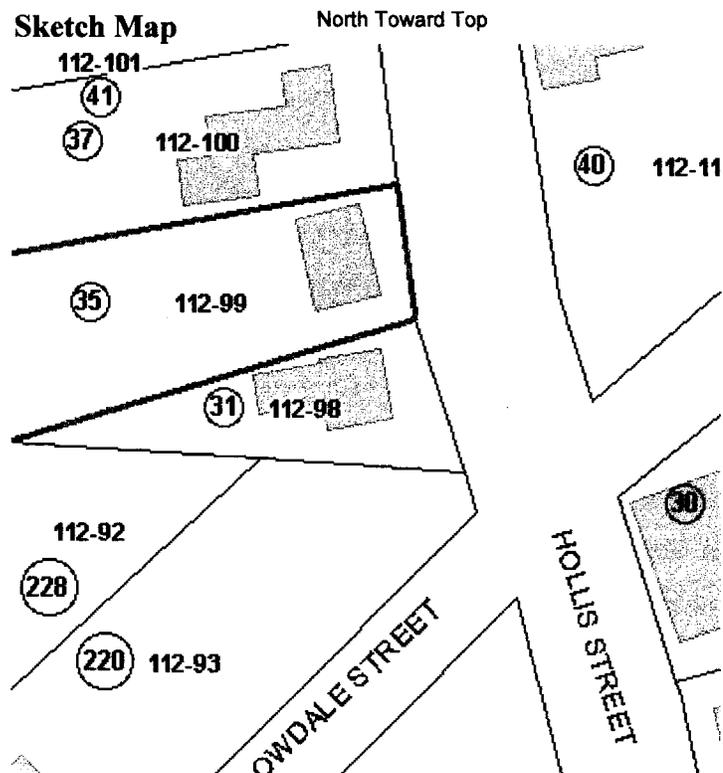
Map and Lot # 112 99 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 28

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.

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Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

Address 35 Hollis Street

Historic Name Forbes House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1840

Source Estimate

Style/Form Greek Revival/Victorian

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

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

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 2 1/2-story, side-gabled Forbes House has a 5x2-bay plan and elements of the Greek Revival and Victorian styles
- \* Ornament consists of the symmetrical fenestration in the façade, molded cornice, corner boards and the turned posts, jigsaw brackets and spindle frieze under the molded cornice of the flat-roofed front porch
- \* The center entry has 1/2-length sidelights and paneled pilasters and cornice above
- \* Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with beaded trim
- \* Two slim, short brick chimneys occupy the roof ridge
- \* The front yard contains granite posts suggesting the past existence of some kind of fencing
- \* 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 indicates the parcel may have been occupied but no name is given. By 1847, the occupant was Edward Prevear according to the map of that year and to previous GHC research. The 1856, 1875 and 1889 maps have D. Blood as the resident. This is the carpenter Daniel Blood who, according to previous GHC research, bought the house from Edward Prevear in 1851 and remodeled the interior. State census records list Mr. Blood, born c. 1816, as a stone cutter in 1855 and carpenter in 1865. Mr. Blood's daughter, Mrs. Robert Forbes inherited the house and occupied it until her death. Mrs. Forbes' daughter, Gertrude Foss, was the subsequent owner and lived here until at least 1967 according to the historic resource inventory form from that year. A person named Helen Forbes (who may have been a sister of Mrs. Foss) was listed here in the 1918 directory and worked as a teacher. The 1921 Sanborn map indicates a rear ell had existed at that time but is no longer in evidence. The 1930 map depicts Mrs. Robert Forbes as the owner.

### 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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