

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 116 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 336

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 40 Hollis Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1840

Source Estimate

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached garage; detached shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

Shed porch added to south side; rear additions

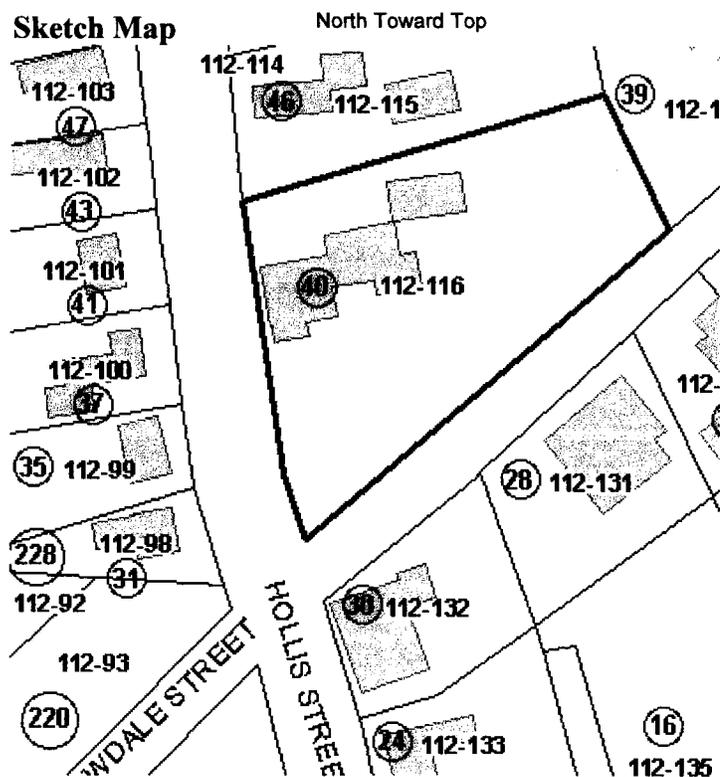
Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 1.1

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 40 Hollis Street is a 5x3-bay, 2 1/2-story, side-gabled form with elements of the Federal style; it appears that a gabled rear ell was added perpendicular to the main block to connect to the garage, forming a staggered L-shaped plan; an enclosed shed porch was also added to the south elevation
- * Ornamental elements include the gable returns, corner boards and symmetrical fenestration in the façade
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with beaded trim
- * The center entry has an entablature over the transom and paneled pilasters that flank the door's sidelights
- * Paired brick chimneys rise from the rear roof slope
- * 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 may depict John Hartwell as the owner although houses are close enough together here to prevent certainty. Mr. Hartwell's name is associated with the house on the 1847 Butler map as well, although he sold the property by 1856 to G. Shattuck. This is George Shattuck according to state census records which also state he was born c. 1809 and worked as a merchant. Mr. Shattuck sold to A. Spaulding by 1875 who remained here until at least 1889. This is likely Andrew Spaulding who is listed in the 1888 resident directory as a constable living on Hollis Street. The 1901 Sanborn map labels the barns as "Farm barns", suggesting an agricultural use for the Groton Center property. By 1921, it had been built into the current configuration with one of the rear ells in use as an auto house. The 1930 owners were Mary and George H. Pierce who worked in trucking.

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; Butler's 1829 field notes; Federal census agricultural schedules, 1850-1880; Previous GHC Research; 1901, 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps; Resident Directories, 1888, 1918, 1929; Dr. Green, Vol. ii, p. 418; 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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