

# FORM B - Building

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

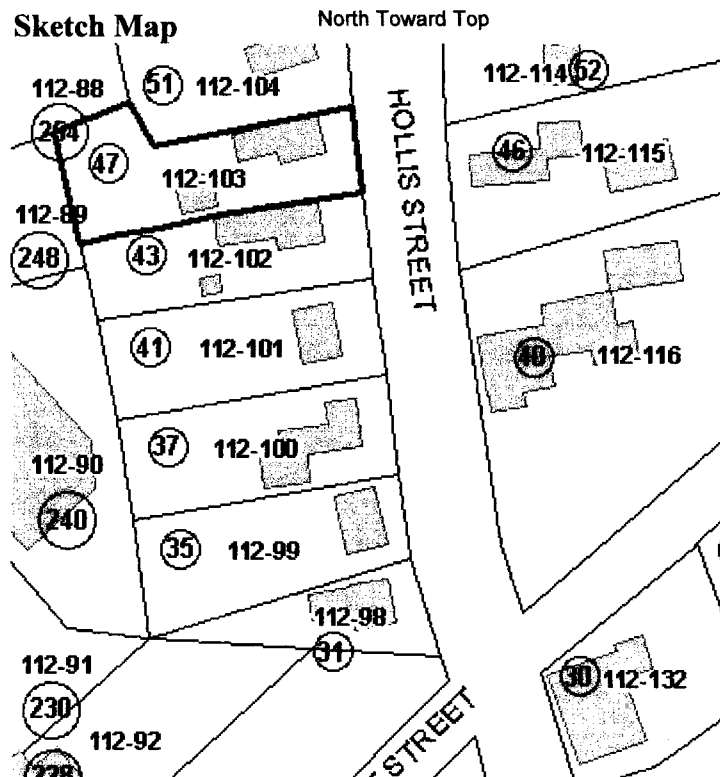
**Map and Lot #** 112 103 **USGS Quad** **Area(s)** Y **Form Number** 338  
**Town** Groton  
**Place (neighborhood or village)**  
 Groton Center

## 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** 47 Hollis Street  
**Historic Name** Abell Fuller House  
**Uses: Present** Residential  
**Original** Residential  
**Date of Construction** c. 1840  
**Source** Estimate

**Style/Form** Greek Revival

**Architect/Builder**

**Exterior Material:**

**Foundation** Unknown

**Wall/Trim** Vinyl clapboard

**Roof** Asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/secondary structure**

Attached garage, c. 1970

**Major Alterations (with dates)**

Re-sided with vinyl, c. 1970

**Condition** Fair

**Moved** no  yes  **Date**

**Acreage** .3

**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 47 Hollis Street is a front-gabled, 3x4-bay, 2 1/2-story form with Greek Revival style ornament
- \* Secondary masses include the rear ell and side-hall entry porch in the north side of the façade
- \* Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with no trim; the sash in the gable peak of the façade has 4-pane sidelights
- \* Ornamental features include the closed gable and molded cornice
- \* The side-hall entry has sidelights and is flanked by pilasters
- \* The house, located in the denser section of town center, is well-maintained and is one of a very few with non-original siding materials

### 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 house at 47 Hollis Street appears by its design to have been built c. 1840, although early owners are unknown. By 1856, the occupant appears to have been A. H Fuller. This is Abell Fuller who, according to the state censuses from 1855 and 1865, was born in Vermont c. 1812, worked as a butcher and whose name appears on historic maps until 1875. By 1889, his relative E. Fuller is depicted. This may be Abel's son Edward, born .c. 1858. By 1921, the house was in its current configuration except for a detached shed that no longer exists. The current garage is modern construction. The 1930 owner was the trustee of real estate, Violet R. Lewis.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

continuation sheet

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; 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; Dr. Green; 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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