

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 112 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 340

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 64 Hollis Street
Historic Name Corey House
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential
Date of Construction c. 1820
Source Butler map of 1832

Style/Form No style

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Unknown

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Windows replaced, 2006

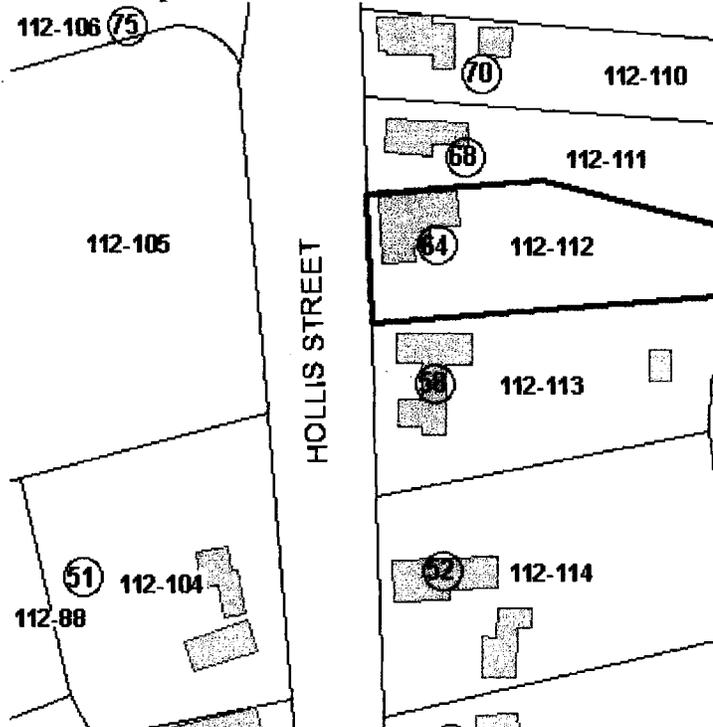
Condition Fair

Moved no yes Date

Acreage .75

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

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

- * The house at 64 Hollis Street is a 6x2-bay, side-gabled, 2 1/2-story form with little distinguishing ornament beyond the molded cornice
- * The first story of the façade is lit by five windows and a side-hall entry door while the second story has four windows located mainly in the north or left side
- * Two brick chimneys are visible, one rising from the roof ridge and the other from the front slope
- * The house possesses less ornament than others in the town center and has likely been altered in undetermined ways although the exterior has retained some of its historic fabric and appearance

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 may have been owned by Dr. Jacob Williams according to the 1832 Butler map. Dr. Green notes that Dr. Williams was born in Groton, traveled to the Gilmanton, NH Iron Works in 1816 where he married his wife Irene in 1822 and returned to Groton in 1828. His second wife was Betsy Wakefield of Maine whom he married in 1832. He practiced medicine here for a time while living on Hollis Street and later went to Kensington, NH in 1835 after becoming a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He died in 1854 and was buried in the Old Burying Ground (MHC #800) Previous research by the GHC on MHC inventory form 151 indicates this was Randlett's Hotel but gives no citation or date. By 1847, the owner was A. Corey Jr. who lived with his wife Diademea and remained here until c. 1875 according to historic maps. According to Dr. Green, this may have been the Aaron Corey who was a stage coach driver to Boston, a position of "considerable responsibility", and "his opinions were quoted with respect", he was careful, skillful, helpful to women and children, carried messages and packages. His route was through Bedford and Lexington and had previously driven the mail coach. He was succeeded by his son Calvin until the line was given up in 1850. Mr. Corey Sr. held the reins during 32 years and died in 1857. By 1889, the occupant was William A. Chase, a provision dealer living on Hollis Street according to the 1888 resident directory. By 1921, the house had a similar configuration to today but had a shed attached to the rear.

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; 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; Resident Directories, 1888, 1918, 1929; Dr. Green, Vol ii, p. 88, 122, Vol iii, p. 23, 24; Vol iv, p. 264; VIII, p. 14, 19; 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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