

# FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112-108.1 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 439

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 96 Hollis Street  
Historic Name  
Uses: Present Residential  
Original Residential  
Date of Construction c. 1870

Source 1875 county atlas

Style/Form Second Empire

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Stone

Wall/Trim Wood clapboards

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached barn

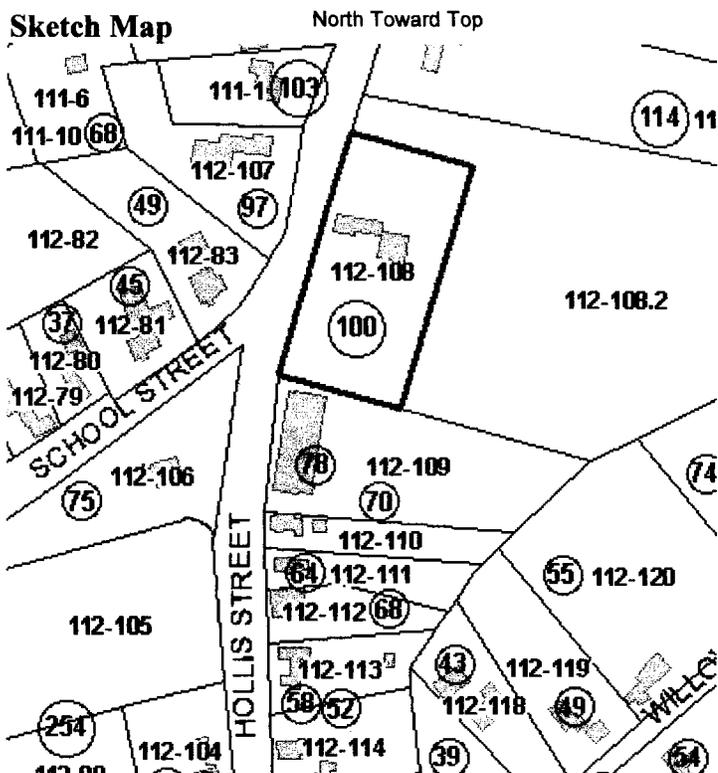
Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved no  yes  Date

Acreage Approximately 1

Setting Town Center



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 96 Hollis Street (also listed on the town website as #100) is a Second Empire style, 2 1/2-story, 3x4-bay form with a rear ell and attached barn; the upper section of the roof is a ridge-hipped form; the lower pitch of the Mansard roof has a straight pitch with flared lower course
- \* Decorative features are the corner boards and molded cornices at the eave and at the junction of the two roof slopes
- \* Windows are mainly 6/6 double-hung sash with 2/2 units in the upper story; window trim is plain other than the pedimented hoods over the 2 dormers in the Mansard section of the façade; the bay above the side hall entry is unfenestrated
- \* The side-hall entry has classical trim including pilasters and pedimented hood above; small brackets at the cornice and sidelights also exist
- \* 2 brick chimneys rise from the southern elevation and flank a dormer containing paired double-hung sash
- \* The rear ell is composed of a 2-story gabled section against the rear of the house and a 1 1/2-story gabled block connecting to the barn
- \* The barn has a Mansard roof to match the house; access is through a rolling vehicle door; additional openings in the principal elevation contain a fixed 12-pane sash, pedestrian door and paired double-hung sash in the lower slope of the Mansard roof set under a pedimented hood; siding is wood clapboard
- \* One open porch and one enclosed porch exist at the junction of the house and barn
- \* The house is in good condition and is very similar in form, design and scale to those at 97 and 111 Hollis Street

### 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 98 Hollis Street appears on the 1875 county atlas as the home of N. Livermore about whom little else is known. The property is not shown on the 1889 atlas. By 1921, the footprint was in its current configuration. The 1930 map of Groton inexplicably depicts this parcel as vacant.

### 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, 1918, 1929;

**\*\* 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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