

# FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112-107 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 440

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 97 Hollis Street  
Historic Name Mansur House  
Uses: Present Residential  
Original Residential  
Date of Construction c. 1880

Source 1875, 1889 Atlases

Style/Form Second Empire

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Stone

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached barn (orig. detached)

Major Alterations (with dates)

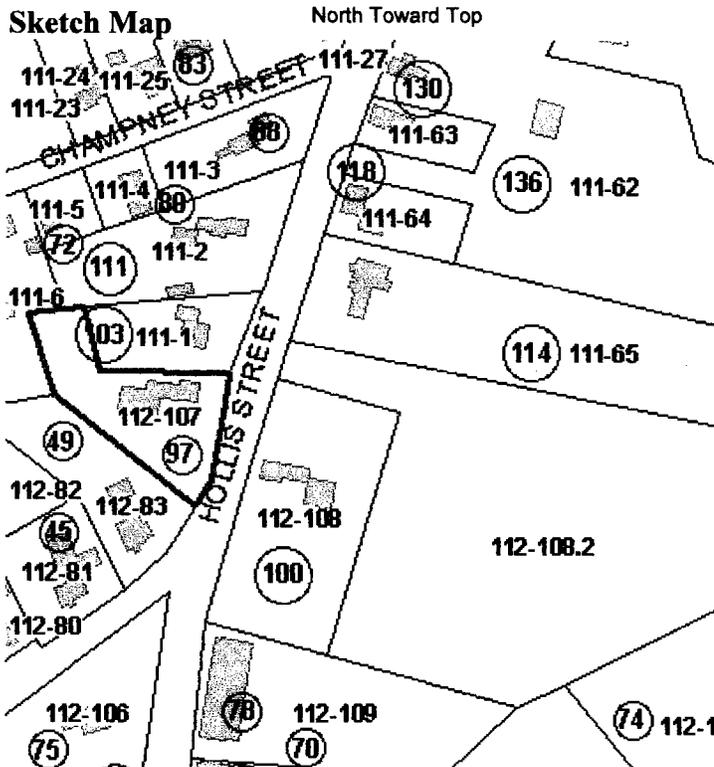
Addition built to connect the house and barn, c. 1900

Condition Good

Moved no  yes  Date

Acreage 1.2

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 97 is a Second Empire style, 2 1/2-story, 3x3-bay cross-gambrel form with a 2-story rear ell and attached barn; the upper section of the roof is a gabled form; the lower pitch of the Mansard roof has an inverted bell curve; the façade is a front gambrel form; a wrap-around porch with eave trim similar to that on the house covers the first story on the south and east elevations
- \* Decorative features are the paneled corner pilasters, paired brackets and molded cornices at the eave and at the junction of the two roof slopes
- \* Windows are mainly 2/2 double-hung sash with round-topped dormers in the upper story of the side elevations; window trim is beaded and includes slim hood moldings; openings in the first story of the façade are extended in length
- \* The side-hall entry has relatively simple beaded trim
- \* A single brick chimney rises from the core of the plan
- \* The rear ell is composed of a 2-story flat-roofed section against the rear of the house connecting to the barn; this was added after initial construction according to the current owner
- \* The barn has a Mansard roof with a gambrel wall gable in the facade; access is through a central rolling vehicle door; additional openings in the principal elevation contain 2/2 double-hung sash, pedestrian door and mow door; a molded cornice separates the 2 roof slopes here as well as on the house; siding is vertical flushboard
- \* The house is in good condition and is very similar in form, design and scale to those at 96 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 1875 Beers atlas indicates a vacant parcel but the 1889 Walker atlas shows the house in place, suggesting a construction date of c. 1880. The initial owner of the house at 97 Hollis Street was I. M. Mansur in 1889 according to the county atlas from that year. The 1888 resident directory lists Melvin I. Mansur, possibly indicating a transcription error, as a farmer living on Hollis Street. The owners in 1930 were some relatives named Frederick Mansur and his wife Mary who are listed as residents of rooms Street.

### 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; 1930 Somes map;

**\*\* 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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