

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 218-4 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 442

Town Groton
Place (neighborhood or village)

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 151 Long Hill Road

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1830

Source 1832 map

Style/Form Cape Cod

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Unkown

Wall/Trim Wood clapboards

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

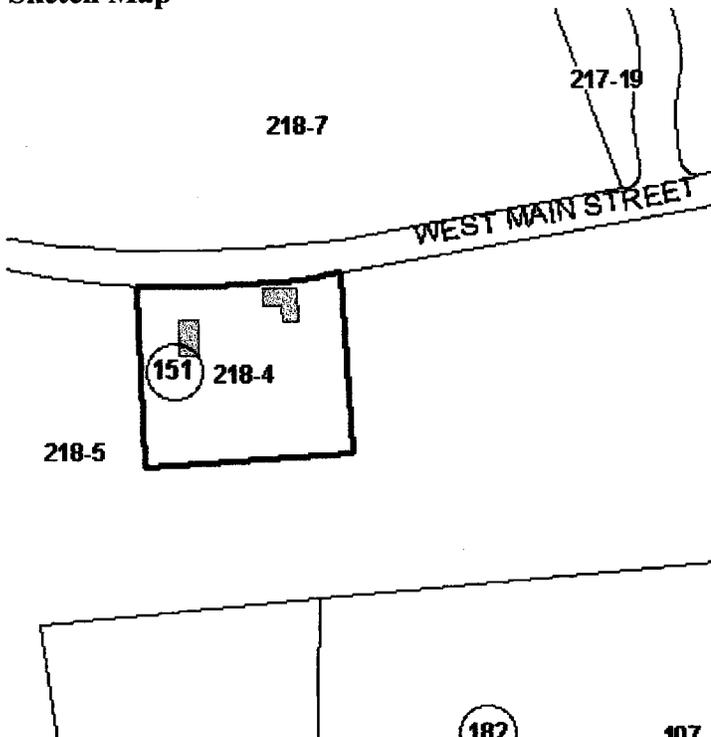
Detached garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Entry hood added c. 1900; some windows replaced

Sketch Map

North Toward Top



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

Condition Fair

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 1.84

Setting Rural

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 diminutive house at 151 Long Hill Road is a Cape Cod form of 1 story built on a 3x2 bay plan with a 1-story west side ell
- * Decorative features include the corner boards and the symmetrical fenestration in the façade
- * Windows are 9/6 double-hung sash with plain trim; some examples appear to be replacement units
- * The center entry also has plain trim with a segmental arched hood above
- * A brick chimney occupies the center of the roof ridge
- * The house is in fair condition but appears to retain most of its historic features and fabric
- * The house is much smaller than other Cape Cod houses in Groton

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 map by Butler depicts this as the location of the house of Widow Woodcock. Mr. Butler's field notes from 1828-29 describe an "old" house with 2 windows across the façade which may refer to the current 3-bay façade which includes the center entry. By 1847, J. Farmer was the occupant and by 1856, it was J. Balcom. This may be John Balcom who, according to 1860 agricultural census schedules, owned a house valued at \$1000, significantly less than average and an appropriate amount for such a small building. He also owned 19 acres, a horse and 2 cows despite being listed in state census records as a painter. Mr. Balcom remained on the property until at least 1889. The 1888 resident directory lists two men named John Balcom, both painters, as occupants of the Groton Centre Road in West Groton which may refer to this location. The 1930 map shows a building at this location but does not give an owner name.

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; 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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