

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 113-46 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 351

Town Groton Center
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 155 Main Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1850

Source 1856 Walling map

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Unknown

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Front porch added. C. 1900

Major Alterations (with dates)

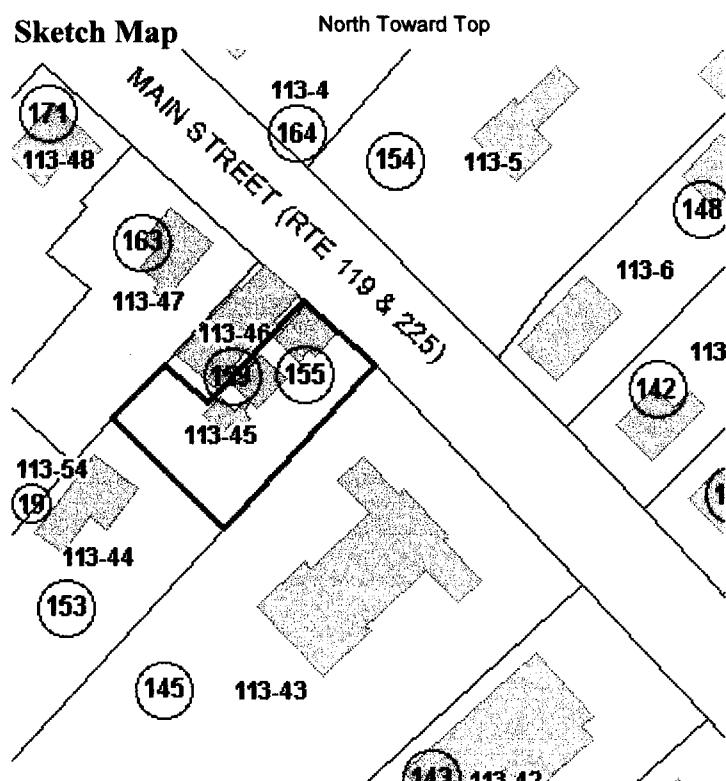
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Setting Town Center

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 155 Main Street is a 2 1/2-story, 5x2-bay, side-gabled form with elements of the Federal style; the plan of the main block of the building is enlarged by the southwest side ell
- * The property is articulated mainly by the symmetrical fenestration in the facade
- * Windows are 2/2 double hung sash with plain trim
- * The center entry also has plain trim and is largely covered by the front porch
- * The building is well-maintained and is built on a scale typical for Groton Center; It one of two historic houses located behind the store at 157 Main Street; The other is 153 Main 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 initial owner of 155 Main Street, built c. 1850, was George Brigham (born in Groton, 1813) who also owned the house at 153 Main Street (MHC #7). His name appears associated with the building on the 1856 Walling map of Middlesex County. The map shows the building as labeled "P shop" which refers to a paint shop according to Sanborn maps. The shop is flanked by dwellings owned by George Brigham front and rear. State census schedules from 1855 list the senior George Brigham (born c. 1785) as a harness maker and the younger George D. Brigham (born c. 1813) as a merchant occupying the same dwelling despite the 1856 map which shows them as living separately at 153 and 157 Main Street. The younger Mr. Brigham owned the building at 155 until at least 1889 according to county atlases from 1875 and 1889. Mr. Brigham served as town clerk from 1855-1892, justice of the peace in 1879 and 1886, married his wife Mary Jane in 1837 and had 8 children. He died 1892 in his house as a result of a fall from a ladder and, according to Dr. Green, may have been the best-known man in town, always kind and obliging. The 1930 was Mrs. H. H. Woods. Resident directories list Harold H. Woods a wool broker in Boston.

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; 1896, 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; Dr. Green, IX, p. 24; XV, p. 21; Vol ii, p. 27, 32, 33, 283; Vol iii, p. 452; Vol iv, p. 322, 329, 330; 1930 Somes map; Resident directories, 1888, 1918, 1929; 1855, 1865 state census; May, "Houses" pp. 168;

**** 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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