

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 6 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 364

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 219 Main Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1835

Source 1832, 1847 Butler Maps

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Unknown

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

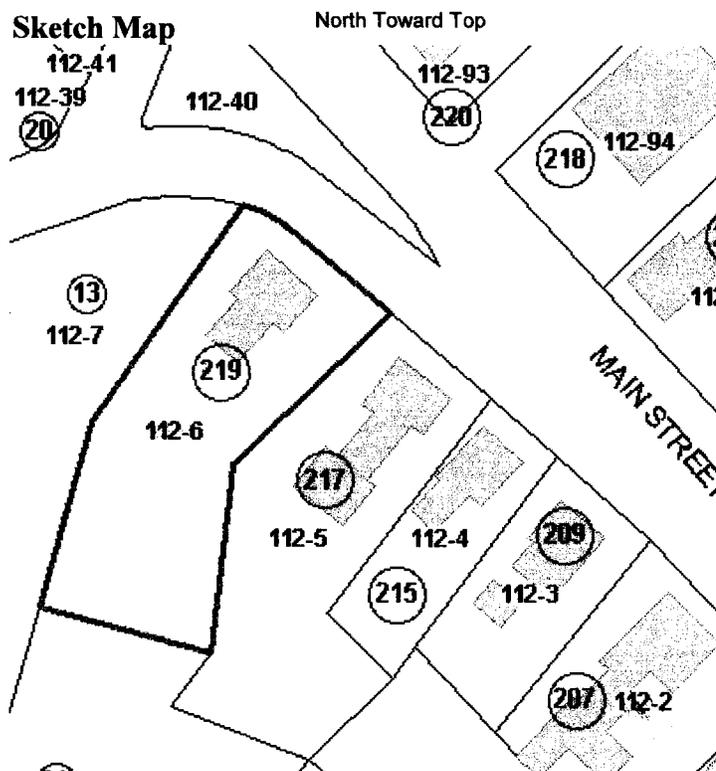
Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acres .5

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

see continuation sheet

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

- * The Federal style house at 219 Main Street is a side-gabled, 5x3-bay, 2 1/2-story form with a 1 1/2-story ell projecting from the rear elevation; The ell has a shed roof addition on the south elevation
- * Decorative features consist of the symmetrical fenestration, classical surround at the center entry, gable returns, molded cornice, corner boards and beaded window trim
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash in the main block with a filled in opening in the second story center bay (This may have been an original feature according to the current owner)
- * The center entry has classical trim consisting of pilasters and entablature with 1/2-length sidelights and a segmental arched fanlight
- * Slim brick chimneys rise from the roof ridge and from the front slope of the roof
- * The house has a scale and materials that are typical for Groton Center and is among the more well-preserved in the town

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 location of 219 Main Street appears vacant on the 1832 Butler map but is occupied by the house of Jonathan Stow Adams, Esq. by 1847. Mr. Adams was born c. 1786 in Massachusetts and was appointed Deacon of the Union Congregational Church in 1836, justice of the peace in 1836 and 1856 and was a Groton Academy (later Lawrence Academy) trustee in 1830. His name is followed by the title Esquire in the 1855 state census. He kept a store at the south corner of Main and Pleasant Streets prior to the existence of Pleasant Street, c. 1840. The store, located immediately north of the house, was later owned by Milo Shattuck by 1856. The house was in use as the Union Congregational Church from c. 1875-1889. By 1921, it had returned to use as a residence and had an auto house on the property. The 1930 owner was J. H. Boynton.

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; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; Butler's town history, p. 206, 230; Dr. Green, Chapter V, p. 4; VII, p. 6; Vol. ii, p. 30, 31; 1930 Somes map; Resident directories, 1918, 1929; 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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