

FORM B - Building

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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

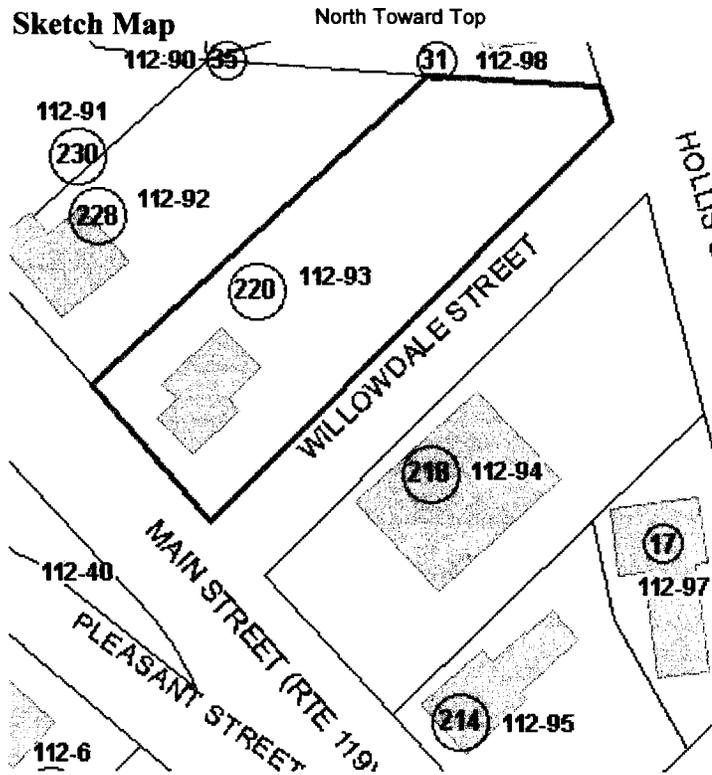
Map and Lot # 112 93 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 365

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.

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Recorded by Sanford Johnson
Organization Groton Historical Commission
Date (month/year) 12/07

Address 220 Main Street
Historic Name Congregational Parsonage
Uses: Present Parish House
Original Residential
Date of Construction 1878

Source SAG, Vol. iii, p. 37
Style/Form Second Empire

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:
Foundation Split granite
Wall/Trim Wood clapboard
Roof Slate shingle
Outbuildings/secondary structure Detached garage, c. 1920

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good
Moved no yes Date
Acreage .5
Setting Town center

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 Congregational Church Parish Hall at 220 Main Street is a Second Empire style, 2 1/2-story, 2x5-bay form with a rear ell composed of a 2-story Mansard-roofed section ; bay windows expand the plan in the south side of the façade and at the rear or northeast corner of the main block; the upper section of the roof is a low-pitched hipped form; the lower pitch of the Mansard roof has a straight profile with flared lower course
- * Decorative features are the paneled corner pilasters and molded cornices at the deep eave and at the junction of the two roof slopes
- * Windows are a combination of 2/2 and 1/1 double-hung sash; window trim is plain other than the bold pedimented hoods over most examples including the 2 dormers in the Mansard section of the façade as well as the additional dormers in the side elevations; the 3-sided 2-story bay windows have paired sash in the central facet
- * The double-leaf side-hall entry has molded trim and is covered by a flat-roofed entry porch supported by square posts with ornamental plinths and scrollwork brackets
- * A brick chimney rises from a point above the center of the façade
- * The detached 3-bay garage has a low-pitched hipped roof and swinging vehicle doors; cladding is wood clapboard; a brick chimney exists and suggests an alternate use for the garage such as living space or work space
- * The Parish Hall is in good condition and is similar in style to the houses 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.

While the site of 220 Main Street was occupied by the store belonging to the estate of Walter Shattuck in 1874, it burned in that year and was replaced with the home of Dr. David Roscoe Steere in 1878 which is the current building. Dr. Steere was born in Connecticut in 1847, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1871, came to Groton in 1873 when he married Adelia Hartwell of Groton, served as a justice of the peace in 1881 and 1897. He was elected to the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1881. The building remained in use as a residence until at least 1921 when Sanborn maps so describe it. The 1930 map shows Mrs. Mary Eaton as the owner. It now serves as the Parish House of the Union Congregational Church.

See Gail Miller Smith, Tues thru Fri

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; Dr. Green, Chapter VII, 7, 8; IX, 2; XVIII, 2, 3; ii, 26, 30-32, 69, 73, 74, 182, 306; VII, 7; Vol ii, 33; iii, 37; iv, 448; May's Plantation, p. 77; 1930 Somes 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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