

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 87 USGS Quad Y Area(s) Form Number 374

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 258 Main Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1810

Source 1832 Butler map, May, "Houses", p. 117

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard; brick end walls

Roof Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Detached garage, c. 1900

Major Alterations (with dates)

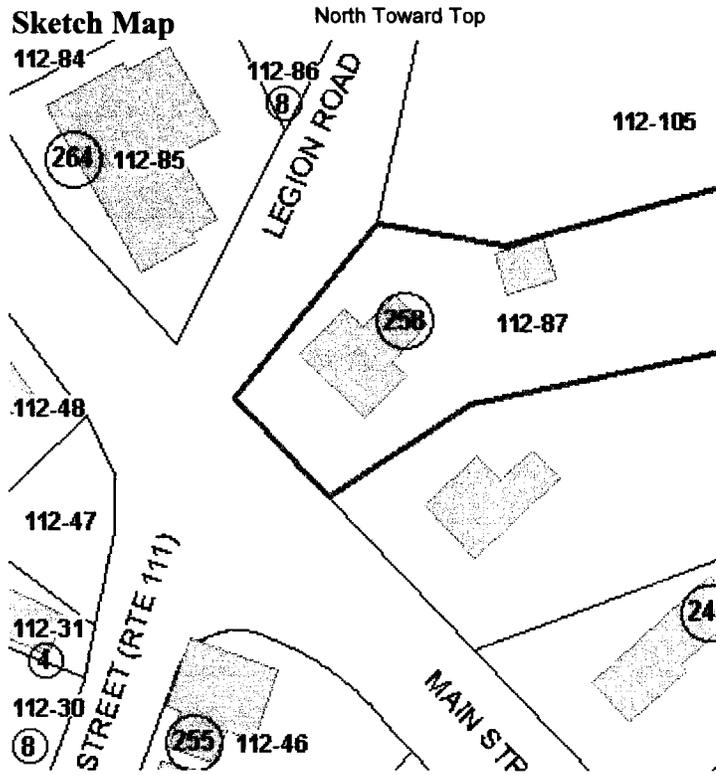
Windows replace c. 1900

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

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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

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

- * The Federal style house at 258 Main Street is a side-gabled, 5x3-bay, 2 1/2-story form with a 1-story ell projecting from the rear elevation; Construction is wood frame with brick end walls incorporating two chimneys at each end; Decorative features consist of the symmetrical fenestration in the facade, classical surround at the center entry, molded cornice with dentils, corner pilasters and beaded window trim
- * Windows are 2/2 double-hung sash in the main block with extended - length examples at the first story of the facade; The center entry has pilasters, entablature with denticulated cornice and a segmental arched fanlight
- * The detached 19th century barn is located behind the house and is a front-gabled form with three main vehicle entries below a glazed mow door; exterior cladding is wood clapboard; Exposed rafter ends are visible under the eave; Dimensions are estimated to be around 30'x40'
- * The house and barn, one of around a dozen in the town center, are among the more well-preserved in the town and retain integrity of materials and design
- * The house rests upon elevated ground that exposes the brick end walls to the cellar level

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 house at 258 Main Street appears to be represented on the 1832 Butler map but is not labeled with an owner name. Virginia May states in "Groton Houses" that Dr. Joseph Mansfield was the initial owner c. 1810 and lived here until his death in 1830. Dr. Mansfield served as the town clerk in 1812, 1814 and 1818. By 1847, the occupant was Daniel Shattuck who was born in 1802 in Groton, worked as a baker from 1825-1833 near the corner of West Street and Main Street. By 1856, the owner was James Minot Colburn who worked with Daniel Shattuck as a partner in the bakery. He later sold out of that business and ran the Groton Inn in the 1850s before acquiring this property. G. D. Blood was a subsequent owner according to the 1875 and 1889 county atlases. This is George D. Blood, a clerk according to the 1888 resident directory. The outbuilding was described as an auto house on the Sanborn map of 1921. The 1930 owner was J. B. McNeil.

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. 461; Dr. Green, Chapter V, p. 14; VIII, 7, 8; X, 12,19; Vol ii, p. 14, 18, 73, 74, 118, V, p. 14; VIII, p. 5; 1930 Somes map; Resident directories, 1888, 1918, 1929; 1855, 1865 state census; May, "Groton Houses", p. 117

**** 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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