

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 221-19 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 452

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)

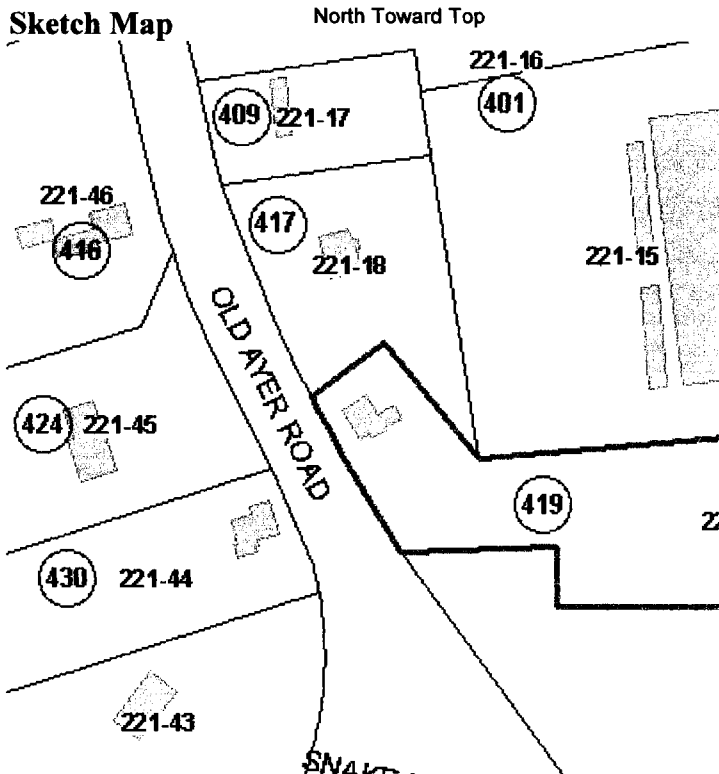
Address 419 Old Ayer Road
 Historic Name
 Uses: Present Residential
 Original Redsidential-agricultural
 Date of Construction c. 1880

Source Estimate
 Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder
 Exterior Material:
 Foundation Stone
 Wall/Trim Wood clapboard
 Roof Asphalt shingle
 Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Fair
 Moved no yes Date
 Acreage 7
 Setting Rural



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 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 Victorian Eclectic style residence at 419 Old Ayer Road is a cross-gabled, 2 1/2-story form with a 1-story, 2-bay rear ell and a hipped porch at the junction of the L-shaped plan; A small hipped enclosed porch covers the northwest entry
- * Ornament consists of the gable returns, paneled corner pilasters, frieze and molded cornice; the porch has square posts supporting the molded cornice
- * Windows are mainly 2/1 double-hung sash with slim hoods; fixed single pane sash exist in the small enclosed northwest porch and in the southeast gable peak
- * A single brick chimney occupies the rear slope of the main block
- * The scale and materials of the house are typical for 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 house at 419 Old Ayer Road first appears on historic maps of Groton in 1889 and is associated with the name McGilson or M. E. Gilson or Tuttle. This may be John M. Gilson, former owner of 197 Main Street (MHC #1) and 78 Old Ayer Road (MHC # 92). The 1930 owners were the farmers William and Cora Wilder. By 1939, the land was planted in orchards.

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; 1939 WPA map; Federal census agricultural schedules, 1850-1880; Previous GHC Research; 1896, 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; Butler's town history; May, "Groton Plantation", p. 77; Dr. Green; 1930 Somes Map;

**** 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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