

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 221-44 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 453

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 430 Old Ayer Road
Historic Name
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential
Date of Construction c. 1840
Source 1832 Butler map; estimate

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Detached garage, c. 1940

Major Alterations (with dates)

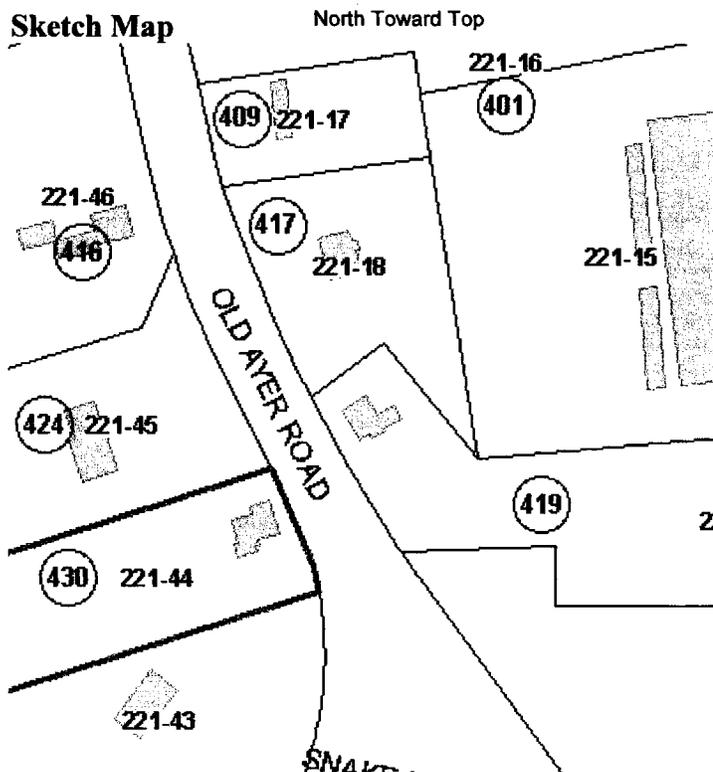
Shed roofed rear addition, c. 1900; front entry rebuilt, c. 1970

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 1.5

Setting Rural



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.

- * 430 Old Ayer Road is a 4x1-bay, 2 1/2-story, side-gabled, Federal style house with a rear shed-roofed addition of 2 stories that is enlarged by a shed dormer; A gabled porch has been added to the south elevation of the shed addition
- * Ornamental features are the molded cornice, gable returns and corner boards
- * Windows are 2/2 double-hung sash with plain trim
- * The off-center entry has classical trim including fluted pilasters and denticulated cornice that appear to be modern reconstructions
- * The detached 1-bay, gable front garage is quite small and is clad in wide clapboards
- * The house appears to enjoy extensive views to the west that may include Mount Wachusett

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 Butler field notes of 1828-1829 describe the house at or near this location as an "old" example of a 2-story form with 1 chimney and three windows across the front. Architectural details and trim suggest the house was built or significantly altered after that date. By 1856, the farmer Alvah Wright, a neighboring farmer who lived at 416 Old Ayer Road (MHC ###), owned both properties according to the Walling map of Middlesex County. This continued to be true until at least 1875, the year the Beers county atlas was published and reflected his ownership of both buildings. By 1889, however, Mr. Wright's name appears associated with only this farm and he had sold the farm at 416 Old Ayer Road to an owner named Black. The 1930 owner was Helen M. Nimmo. By 1939, the farm was planted in market garden produce.

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"; 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.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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