

FORM B - Building

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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

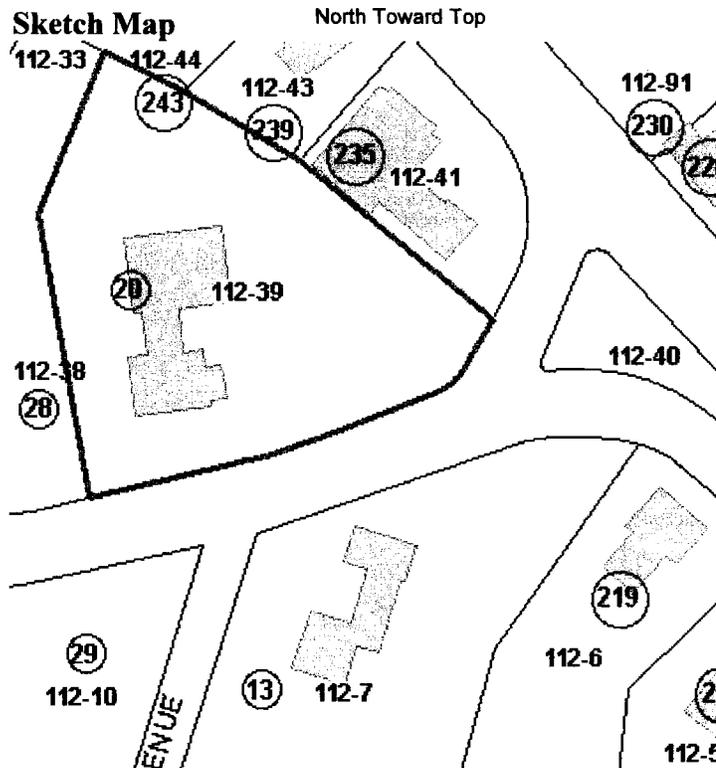
Map and Lot # 112 39 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 380

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)



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

Address 20 Pleasant Street
Historic Name Milo Shattuck House
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential
Date of Construction c. 1851

Source May, "Houses", p. 84
Style/Form Italianate

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached barn, c. 1865

Major Alterations (with dates)

Porch removed from east elevation, 2002; rear addition, c. 1900

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage .998

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 house at 20 Pleasant Street is a 2 1/2-story, 3x2-bay, pyramidal hipped form with elements of the Italianate style; the rectangular plan of the main block of the house is enlarged by the 2-story rear ell with open shed porches on the east and west elevations and large attached barn
- * The house is articulated by the corner quoins, molded cornice and frieze, symmetrical fenestration in the façade
- * Windows are 6/6 double hung units with hood moldings and beaded trim; those on the first story of the façade are extended in length; The main entry has wide, plain trimboards, sidelights, pilasters and is covered by the open flat-roofed porch with deep cornice, paneled square posts and paired eave brackets
- * Brick chimneys with prominent corbels rise from both side slopes of the hipped roof
- * The barn is a gable-roofed form oriented parallel to the road and clad in wood clapboards with a vehicle door in the street-side elevation; 2-story shed roofed additions have been made to the rear (north) and west side of the barn; Additional openings are filled by double-hung sash in the gable ends and in the principal elevation; the granite and brick foundation elevates the building above grade at the east side where additional vehicle openings exist;
- * The house and barn are well-maintained and retain integrity of design; The Italianate details are somewhat unusual in the primarily Federal style village but the scale of the house is typical for the town center; The barn is among the larger examples in the town center at approximately 30'x50'

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 20 Pleasant Street was built c. 1851 for the storekeeper Milo Shattuck (b. 1822) whose business was located first on the opposite side of Pleasant Street near the site of 13 Pleasant Street and later in the existing building at 235 Main Street after its construction in 1870. According to Dr. Green's history, Mr. Shattuck bought his store from David Child in 1852 and by 1890, was doing a large business. May states in "Groton Houses" that the house was built in 1851 but Mr. Shattuck was listed as a boarder in the house of Zara Patch at 31 Hollis Street (MHC #27) in 1855, suggesting a slightly later construction date. By the time of the 1865 census, he lived at 20 Pleasant Street with his wife Susan and infant son Grant. Mr. Shattuck occupied the house until at least 1889. His son Grant was the subsequent occupant of the house and also took over his father's store. By 1921, the barn was used for storage and a garage. The 1930 map lists the store as Milo Shattuck's (despite his having passed on) and the house as that of Dr. Arthur G. Kilbourn who remained here until at least the 1960s.

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; Butler's town history; Dr. Green, Chapter VII, p. 6, 7; Vol ii, p. 160; 1930 Somes Map; 1855, 1865 state census; May, "Houses", pp. 84, 157;

** 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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