

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 38 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 458

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)

Address 28 Pleasant Street
Historic Name Grant Shattuck House
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential

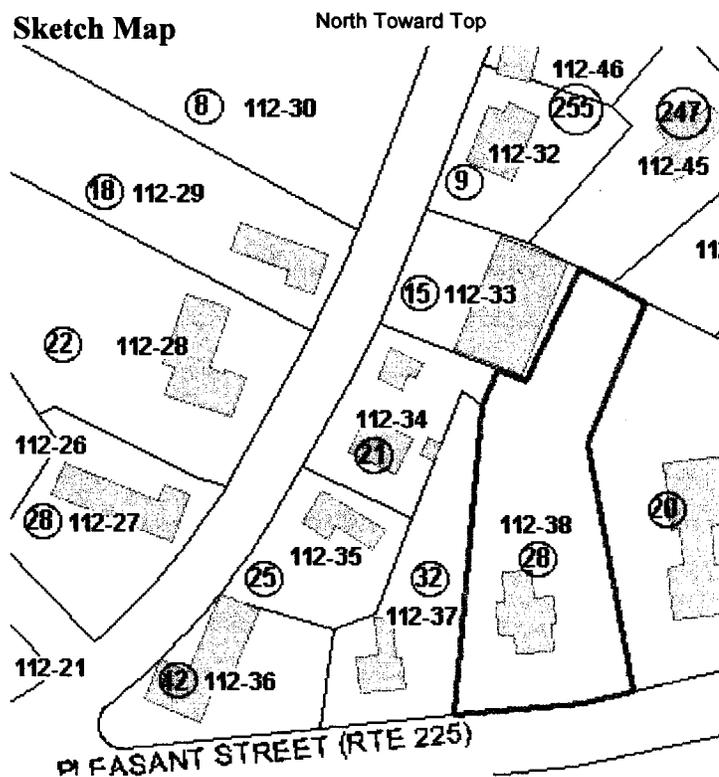
Date of Construction 1899
Source May, "Houses", p. 141, 150
Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

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

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Fair
Moved no yes Date
Acreage .5
Setting Town Center

Sketch Map



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 house at 28 Pleasant Street is a cross-gabled, 2 1/2-story, 2x3-bay form with elements of the Victorian Eclectic style; secondary masses include the 2-story bay in the façade, the open porch on the east side elevation and the open entry porch on the south facing façade
- * Decorative features are the gable returns, molded cornice, corner pilasters, jigsaw brackets and turned posts supporting the porches
- * Windows are typically 2/2 double-hung sash except for the 6/6 unit in the front gable peak and the 1/1 units in the bay window
- * The side-hall entry has plain trim surrounding a double leaf door
- * The site is elevated slightly above Pleasant Street and is accessed by a low stone stairway through a stone retaining wall
- * The house is not well-maintained but retains integrity of design and materials; the scale and materials are typical for Groton Center

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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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.

May states in her book "Groton Houses" that the site underwent development in 1899 by Grant Shattuck, son of Milo Shattuck, the Main Street storekeeper at 235 Main Street and owner of 20 Pleasant Street (MHC #380), the neighboring house to the east. Grant Shattuck was a clerk in the store in 1888 and living with his father according to the 1888 resident directory. A diary entry quoted in "Groton Houses" (p. 150) indicates the house was near completion in October of that year. Grant Shattuck married Lillian Benedict in 1899 and worked at his father's store according to the 1918 resident directory. May also states Lillian was the ticket agent and telegraph operator at the railroad station. In the 1929 resident directory, Mr. Shattuck was listed as the treasurer of the Shattuck Store Co. He remained in the house until at least 1930, after which time he moved to his father's old house next door.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1889 Walker atlas; 1939 Tercentenary map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; Sanborn Fire Insurance maps; May, "Groton Houses", pp. 141, 172, 150, 84; Resident directory, 1888;

**** 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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