

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 11 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 459

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 35 Pleasant Street
Historic Name
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential
Date of Construction c. 1840
Source Estimate

Style/Form No style

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Undetermined

Wall/Trim Vinyl clapboards

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Re-sided with vinyl, windows replaced, rear addition, c. 1980

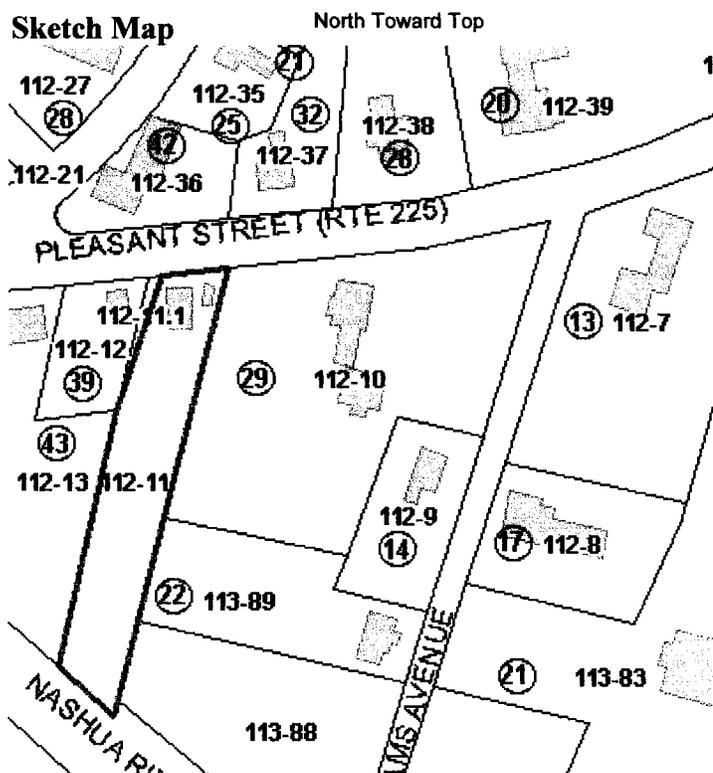
Condition Fair

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

see continuation sheet

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

- * The core of the house at 35 Pleasant street is a 1 1/2-story, front-gabled, 2x2-bay form with a 2-story modern rear addition , an enclosed shed-roofed porch east of the core and a second shed addition at the southwest corner
- * The house has few architectural details to suggest a style other than the gable returns at the eave of the façade
- * Windows and siding are modern materials
- * The small size of the house is similar to that of 39 and 53 Pleasant Street (MHC ###)

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 core of the house may have been built c. 1840 although little remains in the way of original materials or design features to support the estimate. The small size of the house suggests the mixture of economic backgrounds of Groton Center residents who frequently occupied large and grand residences as well as smaller examples of this scale. It is possible the owner in 1847 was George W. Weston according to the Butler map of that year. This is George Washington Weston who Dr. Green notes had wives named Abigail and Jane before his death in Weymouth in 1884. His name was originally Washington Woodcock but was legally changed. The 1856 map depicts George Farley as the owner. Mr. Farley was born in Dunstable in 1793, graduated from Harvard College in 1816, read law with Luther Lawrence in Groton in the 1820s and later worked in New Ipswich, NH until 1831 when he moved back to Groton, although he maintained offices in Boston and Charlestown. He also owned the houses at 214 Main Street (MHC #360) and at 39 Pleasant Street (MHC ###). The owner shown on the 1875 and 1889 county atlases is Edward A. Kelley who, like Mr. Farley, owned this and the house on the west side of it. (39 Pleasant Street, MHC #386) By 1930, the owner was Mrs. E. F. Underwood about whom little else is known.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Dr. Green, Vol ii, pp. 312, 107; 1847 Butler map; 1856 Walling map; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1939 Tercentenary map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929;

**** 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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