

FORM B - Building

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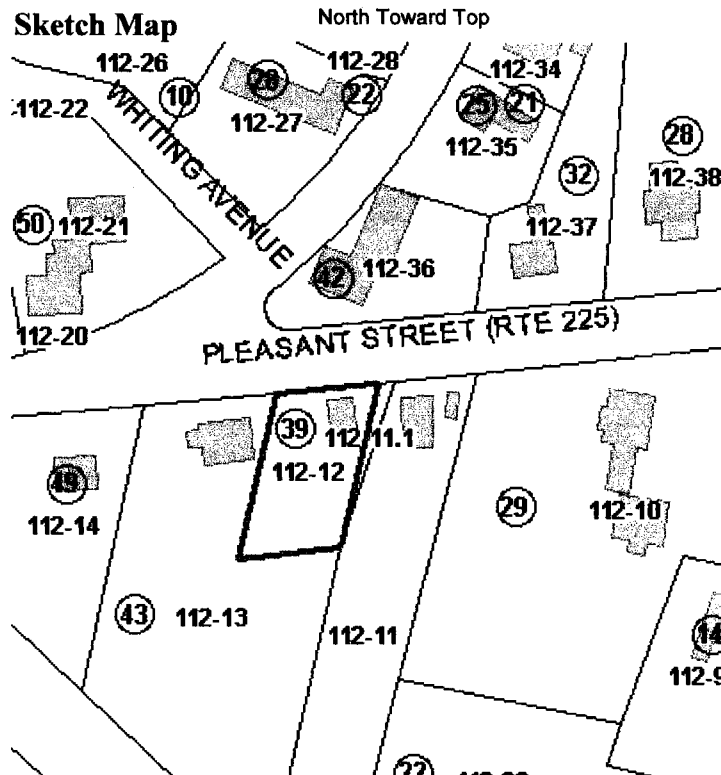
Map and Lot # 112 12 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 386

Town Groton Center
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)



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Organization Groton Historical Commission
Date (month/year) 12/07

Address 39 Pleasant Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1830

Source Butler map, 1832

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Concrete

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Front door and surround replaced with modern unit

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage .21

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 39 Pleasant Street is a 1 1/2-story, front-gabled, 2x2-bay form with some elements of the Federal style; the plan is enlarged by the open shed porch on the first story of the principal elevation
- * Decorative features include the cornice, sidelights, gable returns and corner boards
- * Windows are mainly 6/6 double-hung units except in the second story of the side elevations which have 3/3 units; The side-hall entry has modern trim and a single sidelight
- * A tall slim brick chimney occupies the center of the roof ridge and is adjacent to the louvered ventilator with pyramidal roof
- * The well-maintained house occupies a parcel on a side street in Groton Center and is smaller in scale than other houses but is comparable to its neighbor, 53 Pleasant

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 owner of the house at 39 Pleasant Street in 1832 may have been the widow Lewis as is reflected on Butler's map published in that year. By 1847, the owner appears to be William W. Tenney and by 1856, it is George Farley, Esq. who also owned the house to the east. Mr. Farley also owned and likely occupied the house at 215 Main Street (MHC #360). 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. 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 east side of it. Mr. Kelley was born in Hallowell, ME in 1831, attended Bowdoin College and later studied law with the house's previous owner, George Farley, until Mr. Farley's death in 1855. Mr. Kelley was admitted to the bar in 1853 and moved to Boston in 1861. His legal specialty was the care of trust property, possibly involving 39 Pleasant Street. The 1930 owner may have been Mrs. E. J. Underwood.

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, Vol ii, p. 31; iii, p. 246; 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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