



## 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 42 Pleasant Street is a side-gabled, 5x4-bay, 2 1/2-story building with evidence of Federal style design elements and Victorian additions, although the exterior has been re-sided, details removed and other changes carried out including the outer bays of the first story of the façade which are covered by 3-sided 2-story bay windows; the center entry and the center window above remain in place

\* Decorative features include the gable returns and molded cornice; other features may have been removed

\* The center entry retains its classical surround with pilasters and sidelights although some parts may be re-creations

\* Windows are modern 1/1 double-hung sash that appear to be modern replacements in some cases

The rear of the house is attached to the 19th century gable-roofed barn that is clad in board and batten but is also drastically altered

\* The house is larger than some neighboring properties on Pleasant Street and is now in use as a rental property

### 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.*

The owner of the house according to the 1847 Butler map was J. Simonds. By 1856, the occupant appears to be N. Davis (this conflicts with previous research which states S. Farnsworth was the occupant. He lived near 38 Pleasant Street). By 1875, the owner depicted on the Beers atlas was A. Wright. This may have been Abijah (also spelled Alizah) Wright, former owner of the hotel located at the current site of 235 Main Street. He remained here until at least 1889 according to the atlas from that year. By 1918, the occupants were Mary and Clara Hutchins who remained here until at least 1930 according to the Somes map.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Dr. Green; 1847 Butler map; 1856 Walling map; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1939 Somes Tercentenary map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; May, "Houses", pp. 61, 157; Previous GHC Research;

**\*\* 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.

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**INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET**

**Town**  
Groton

**Property Address**

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
220 Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston, MA 02125

**Area(s)**

**Form No.**



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