

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 20 **USGS Quad** **Area(s)** Y **Form Number** 391

Town
Place (neighborhood or village)
 Groton Center

Photograph

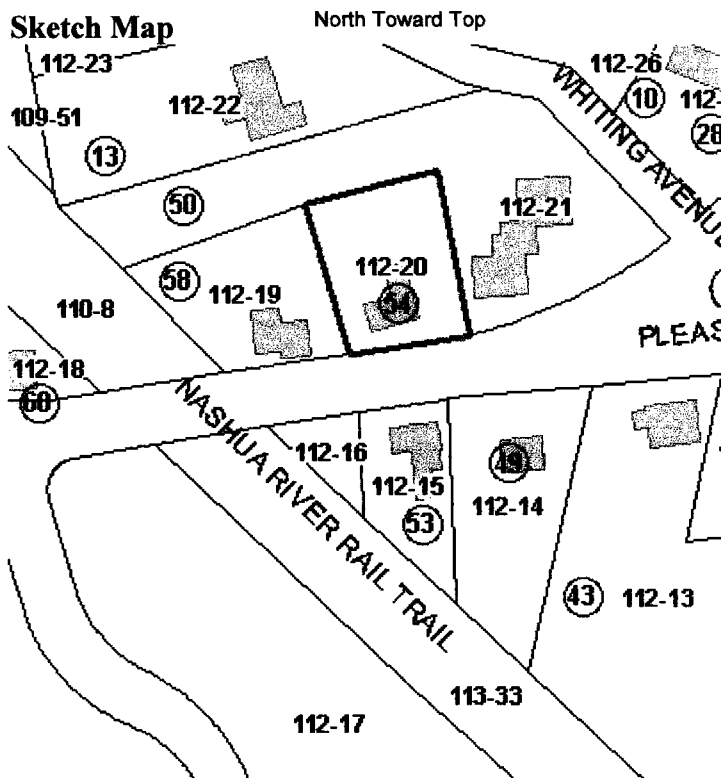
(3"x3" or 3-1/2x5" black and white only) Label photo on back with town and property address. Record film roll and negative numbers here on form. Staple photo to left side of form over this space. Attach additional photos to continuation sheets.

Address 54 Pleasant Street
Historic Name
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential
Date of Construction c. 1840

Roll Negative(s)

Source 1847 Butler map
Style/Form Greek Revival
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material:
Foundation Split granite
Wall/Trim Wood clapboard
Roof Asphalt shingle
Outbuildings/secondary structure

Sketch Map



Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage .26
Setting Town center

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 54 Pleasant Street is a 5x1-bay, side-gabled, 2 1/2-story Greek Revival style design with a 2-story rear ell and enclosed entry porch at the east side of the ell
- * Decorative elements include the symmetrical fenestration in the façade, closed gable, corner pilasters, frieze and molded cornice
- * Windows are mainly 6/6 double hung sash with plain trim except for the opening in the gable peak which has a 3/6 sash
- * The center entry has sidelights and a classical surround including pilasters and entablature
- * The house is in good condition and retains integrity of materials, design and setting

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 depicted on the 1847 Butler map of Groton may be G. Pierce, the proximity of other buildings making it difficult to ascertain. The same is true for the 1856 map although by the time of the 1875 county atlas, it seems clear the owner was S. Russell. The 1889 county atlas depicts S. Fletcher as the occupant. This is Solomon Fletcher, a farmer and Pleasant Street resident listed in 1888 resident directory. By 1921, the attached barn was in use as an auto house. The 1930 owner was Mary Fletcher, widow of Solomon Fletcher.

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, 1888, 1918, 1929; Butler's town history; May, "Groton Plantation", p. 77; Butler's town history; Dr. Green; 1930 Somes Map; 1855, 1865 state census;

**** 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

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