

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 109 1 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 394, 395

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 73 Pleasant Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1903

Source May, "Houses", p. 85

Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Undetermined

Wall/Trim Wood clapboards

Roof slate shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached 19th c. barn; detached barn (not visible)

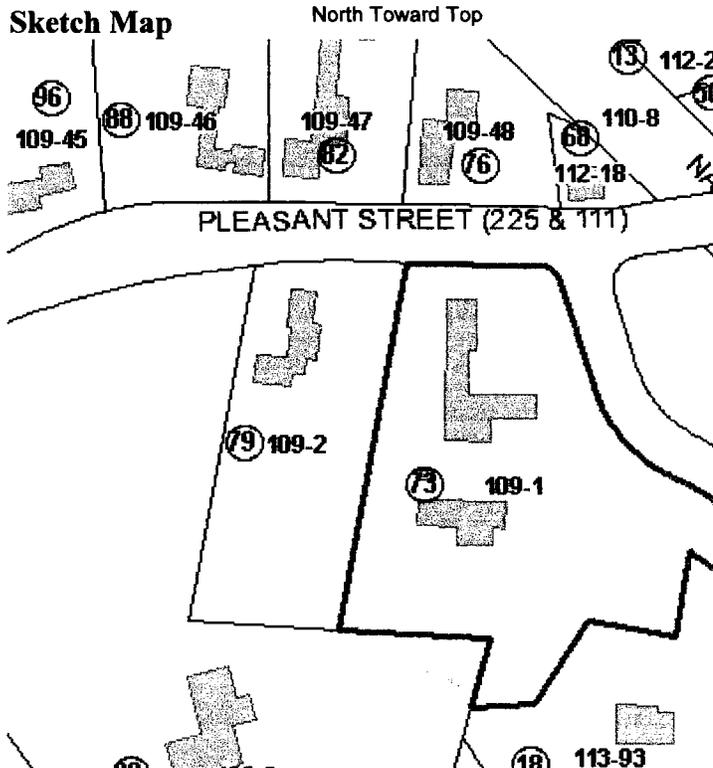
Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 1.25

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

see continuation sheet

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

* The house at 73 Pleasant Street is a front-gabled Victorian Eclectic style design of 2 1/2 stories built on a 3x3-bay plan with a rear ell and a rear addition that connects to the front-gabled barn; the overall plan is L-shaped; Secondary masses on the main block include the 2-story bays on the east and west sides and the open porch across the full width of the façade; 3 chimneys rise from the complex roofline

* Decorative features of the main block include the corner boards, gable returns, molded cornice and gabled crest above the center of the front porch which is supported by Doric columns and a full entablature

* Windows are typically 2/1 double-hung sash with plain trim and slim hoods; The side-hall entry also has plain trim and a slim hood

* The barn attached to the rear of the house is a gable front form with a vehicle door, mow door and 6/6 double hung window in the gable peak; a perpendicular shed projects off the east side wall of the barn and contains 3 additional vehicle openings; all buildings appear to have slate shingle roofs which is unusual in Groton; an additional outbuilding is depicted on assessors' maps but is not visible from the road

* A well-house with pyramidal roof occupies the east side yard

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.

While the 1875 Beers atlas depicts the parcel as vacant, it does indicate the owner was William J. Boynton. The 1889 atlas also shows the parcel as vacant, suggesting a construction date shortly afterward (as confirmed by May in "Houses" which gives 1901 or 1903 as the construction date). The 1930 map depicts Harry P. Tainter as the occupant. Mr. Tainter lived here with his wife, Martha, his sister and his mother who lived upstairs, and operated a grocery store on Main Street. The store was at the current site of 201 Main Street. Mr. Tainter had a partner, George T. Stevens, who lived at 21 Court Street (MHC #317). The store was in operation from c. 1905 -1930.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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May, "Houses", p. 85, 160, 129, 172; 1930 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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