

# FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 109 2 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 397, 398

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 79 Pleasant Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1860

Source Estimate

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Undetermined

Wall/Trim Wood clapboards

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Detached garage, c. 1920

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear addition, attached garage, c. 1980

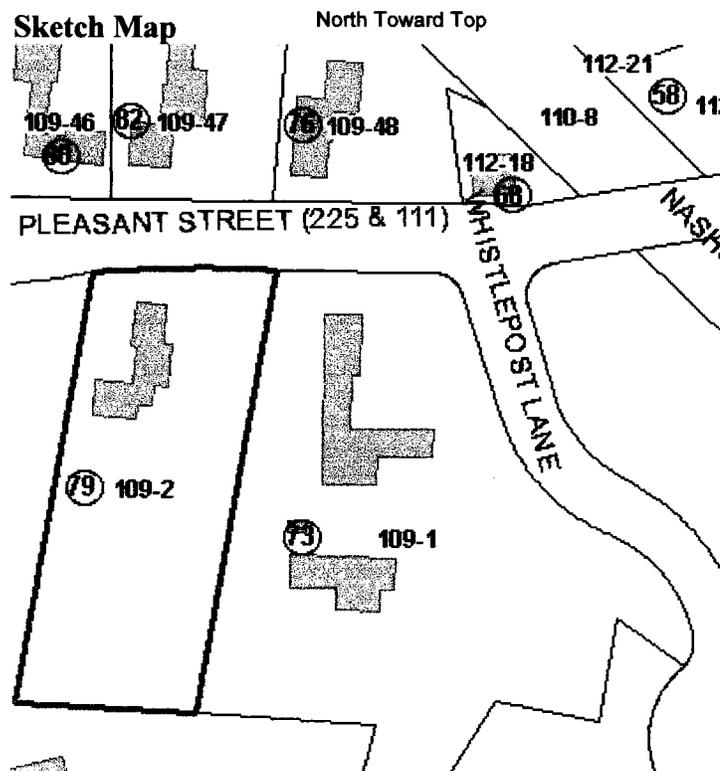
Condition Good

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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 house at 79 Pleasant Street is a 3x3-bay, front-gabled, 1 1/2-story Greek Revival style design with a 1-story gable-roofed modern addition at the rear of the plan that attaches the side-gabled modern garage; a brick chimney rises from near the roof ridge
- \* Windows are 6/6 double-hung units that might be replacement units; windows have plain trim
- \* The side-hall entry is lit by 1/2-length sidelights; trim consists of pilasters and an entablature
- \* Decorative features are the gable returns, corner boards and molded cornice
- \* The modern additions at the rear include the 1-story ell oriented parallel to the main block and the perpendicular 2-bay garage
- \* The house is well-maintained and occupies a site adjacent to the former railroad; the house is smaller than most in the center but is comparable to others on the outskirts of the center village on Pleasant Street, Court Street and the house at 11 Station Avenue

### 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 house at 79 Pleasant Street first appears on historic maps in 1875 when Mrs. Campbell is depicted as the owner. By 1889, the owner was Mrs. Williams. This is Elizabeth Williams, a seamstress according to the 1888 resident directory. The 1930 map depicts James B. Harrington as the occupant. Mr. Harrington's wife was named Effie and he worked as a clerk. Little else is known of these owners.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Resident directories, 1888, 1918, 1929; Atlases from 1875, 1889; 1930 Tercentenary map; May, "Houses";

**\*\* 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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**Area(s)**

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