

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 109 46 USGS Quad Y Area(s) 399, 400 Form Number

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 88 Pleasant Street
Historic Name
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential
Date of Construction c. 1780, 1840
Source Estimate

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached barn, c. 1900

Major Alterations (with dates)

Additions to original construction, c. 1840, 1900

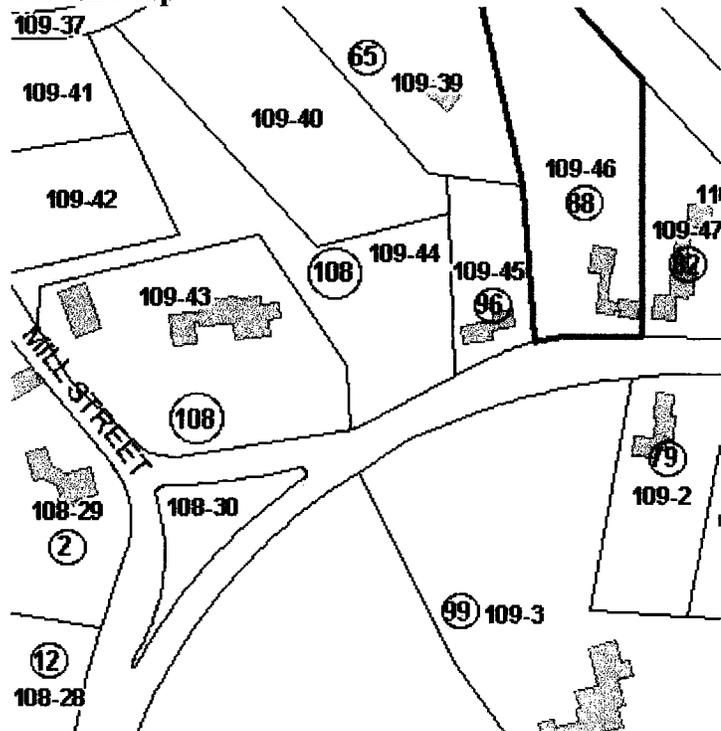
Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 1.84

Setting Edge of 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

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

* The house at 88 Pleasant Street appears to contain sections that were built c. 1780, 1840 and 1900; the core or central block is a low-posted, side-gabled form that may have originally been an 18th c. Cape Cod house with a perpendicular ell; the center entry is now covered by an enclosed porch with a low-pitched gabled roof; the side-gabled, 2-story, 3x2-bay block (c. 1840) at the eastern end of the plan has a side-hall entry, a much higher roofline and may have been added c. 1840; the western end of the plan is occupied by what appears to be a former barn now adapted for use as living space; this is oriented perpendicular to the road and is a 2 1/2-story, 5x2-bay form with a gabled roof;

* Decorative features include the arch-top window in the center of the enclosed porch, the classical surround at the side-hall entry in the eastern block and the arched entry surround in the western elevation of the former barn.

* Windows are primarily 6/6 double-hung sash with plain trim

* The complex form of the house is unusual in the village of Groton Center where most houses retain a closer relationship to their original designs; It is well-maintained and occupies a site near the border of the village and rural landscapes

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 in 1847 appears to have been J. Davis according to the Butler map from that year. The 1856 owner was F. Shattuck and by 1875, it was A. Spaulding. This is Abel Spaulding according to the 1888 resident directory. The 1875 atlas depicts the building footprint with the two earlier sections but not the later barn on the northwestern end of the plan. The 1889 atlas, however, depicts the property still under the ownership of Mr. Spaulding with the barn in place. The 1930 owner was Mrs. William F. Wharton who lived at 152 Broadmeadow (MHC #93) and owned several additional properties around Groton.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1832, 1847 Butler maps; 1856 Walling map; 1875 and 1889 county atlases; May, "Houses"; 1930 Tercentenary map; 1888 resident directory;

**** 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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