

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 33 School Street is a 1 1/2-story, side-gabled Cape Cod house of five by one bay with a central wall gable over the façade and a 1-story gabled ell attached to the rear or north side elevation; The ell connects a Craftsman style garage with a shed dormer on the front slope of the ridge hipped roof
- * Ornamental features include the corner boards, gable returns, molded cornice and symmetrical fenestration in the facade; a classical surround with pilasters, simple hood and sidelights articulate the center entry which is covered by an open gabled porch supported by two Doric columns
- * Windows are mainly 6/6 double-hung sash except for the 4/1 sash in the wall gable, picture window in the rear of the ell and fixed 6-pane units in the garage dormer
- * Two brick chimneys rise from the rear slope of the roof with an additional chimney at the east side elevation
- * The wood clapboard attached garage, perhaps built c. 1930, has a pair of swinging doors in the west end of the principal elevation and a pedestrian door separated from it by a 6/6 window
- * The house is in good condition and represents a building type that is somewhat smaller and simpler than the higher style examples found elsewhere in the town center

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 location of 33 School Street appears on the 1856 Walling map to be occupied by a house owned by J. Rugg. The split granite foundation is one of the indicators this house may have been built by that time. Mr. Rugg is listed in the 1855 and 1865 censuses as a farmer born c. 1795. Charles Woolley Jr., who lived with Mr. Rugg as a boarder in 1865, may have been a subsequent owner before moving to the house at 25 School Street (MHC #33). By 1921, the attached garage had been added and was in use as storage. The 1930 map depicts the owner as A. J. Blood although the resident directory from 1929 gives his address as West Groton.

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, 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

Town
Groton

Property Address

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125

Area(s)

Form No.



33 School Street