

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 80 USGS Quad Y Area(s) 416, 417 Form Number

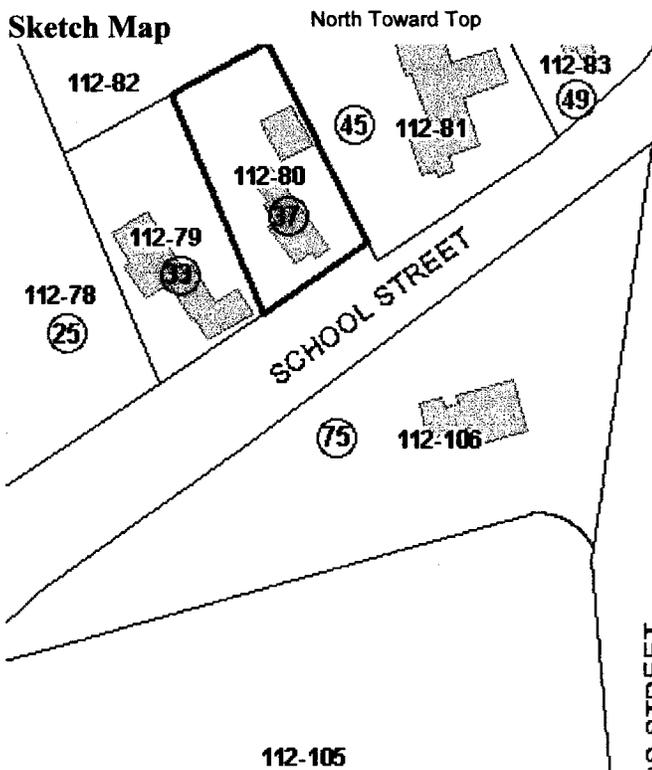
Town Groton Center
Place (neighborhood or village) Groton Center

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)

Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson
Organization Groton Historical Commission
Date (month/year) 12/07

Address 37 School Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1850

Source 1847, 1856 maps

Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Detached barn, c. 1900

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Excellent

Moved no yes Date

Acreage .33

Setting Town center

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 Victorian Eclectic style, three by three bay, front-gabled form rises two and one-half stories
- * A hipped porch covers the first story of the façade; rear ells of two stories and one story expand the plan at the rear
- * Decorative elements include the square posts with caps supporting the porch, paneled corner boards, gable returns and molded eave trim
- * Windows are mainly 1/1 double-hung sash except for the sash in the front gable peak which is a 2/2 unit
- * The side-hall entry is flanked by pilasters
- * Tall brick chimneys occupy the west slope of the main roof and of the first ell
- * The detached wood clapboard barn northeast of the house appears to have been built in the 19th century and has a vehicle door, mow door and two 6/6 sashes in the façade; corner boards and gable returns match those on the house
- * The house is in excellent condition and retains historic exterior fabric and architectural details; the scale and materials are typical for houses on side streets in Groton Center; the barn is one of approximately two dozen examples in the village

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 site of 37 School Street appears to be occupied in 1847 by the house of O. R. Blood and by 1856, Mrs. Shattuck lived here. This may have been Emeline Shattuck who lived alone, worked as a housekeeper and remained until at least 1875 according to the Beers county atlas. The Walker county atlas shows B. Harrington as the owner. By 1921, the detached barn was in use as an auto house. The 1930 owner was Frederick O. Porter who sold provisions at his store on Hollis Street.

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

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