

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 81 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 418

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)

Address 45 School Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Funeral home

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1870

Source 1875 Beers atlas

Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

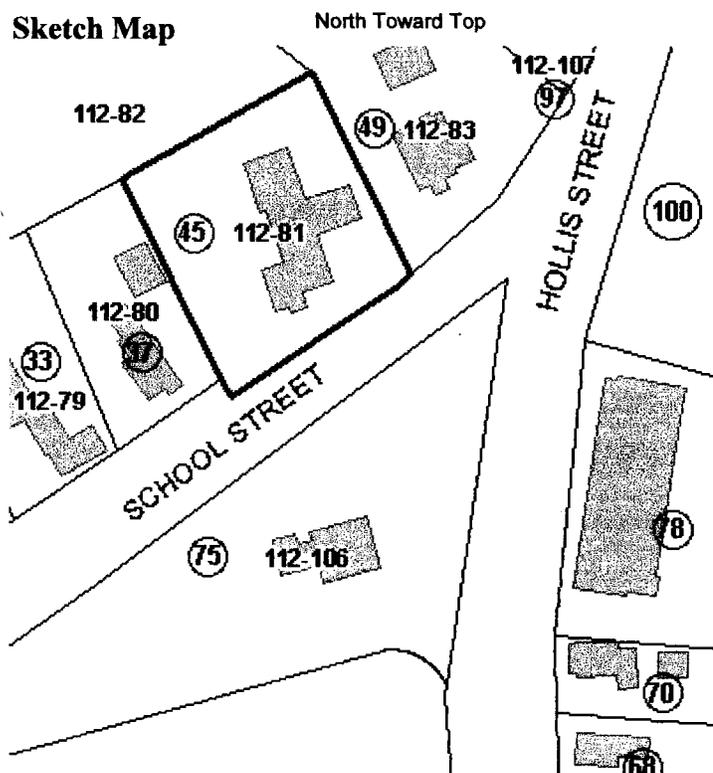
Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Sketch Map



Major Alterations (with dates)

Adapted for use as a funeral home, c. 1960; modern gabled addition to east elevation

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 2.22

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 45 School Street is a Victorian Eclectic style, 2 1/2-story, side-gabled form of 3x2 bays with a perpendicular rear ell of 2 stories; A modern addition exists at the east side of the ell and an enclosed porch on the east side of the main block; a Colonial Revival style open front porch covers the center entry; a 1-story bay window occupies the west bay of the first story of the facade
- * Decorative features include the gable returns, corner boards, molded cornice and Doric columns supporting the entry porch
- * Windows are mainly 2/1 double-hung sash with plain trim except in the modern addition which has 6/6 sash; The center entry has sidelights and plain trim flanking the door
- * A single brick chimney rises from the east end of the roof ridge
- * The ell appears to serve as funeral reception space
- * The house is well-maintained and is larger than some others on side streets in Groton Center

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 45 School Street appears to have been built c. 1875 when it is labeled on the Beers atlas as the estate of A. H. Fuller. The building depicted on the atlas with something near its current footprint. A subsequent owner was Edwin A. Shattuck and his wife Mary from at least 1918 to 1930 according to resident directories and the 1930 Groton map. Mr. Shattuck was listed as a coal dealer in the 1918 resident directory. He and his wife Mary remained here until at least 1930 according to the Groton map of that year.

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; Butler's town history; Dr. Green; 1930 Somes 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.
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Groton

Property Address

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Area(s)

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