

FORM B - Building

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Boston, Massachusetts 02125**

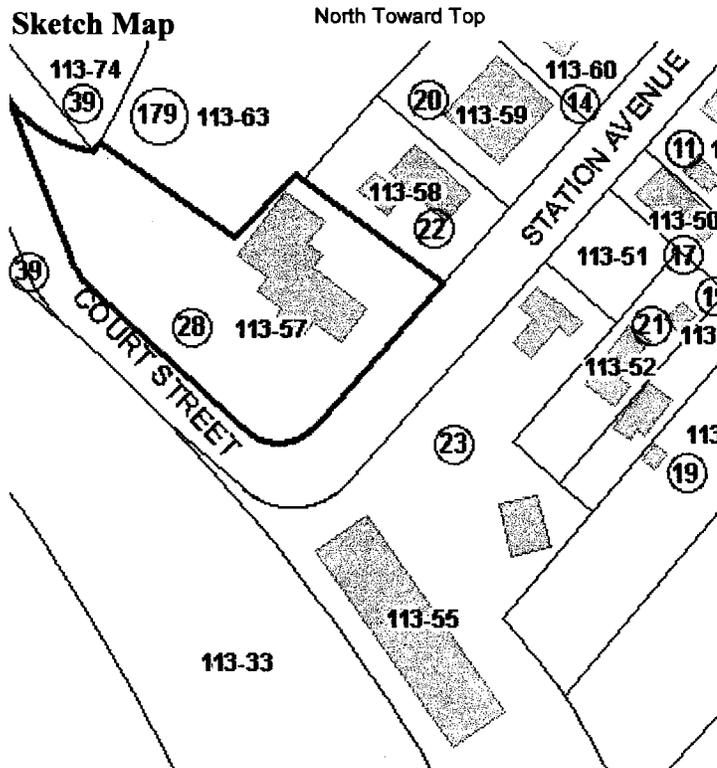
Map and Lot # 113 57 USGS Quad Y Area(s) 428, 429 Form Number

Town Groton Center
Place (neighborhood or village)

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)



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

Address 28 Station Avenue
Historic Name
Uses: Present Multi-unit residential
Original Residential-commercial
Date of Construction c. 1910

Source 1921 Sanborn map
Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Concrete
Wall/Trim Asbestos clapboards
Roof Asphalt shingle
Outbuildings/secondary structure
Attached barn, c. 1880

Major Alterations (with dates)

Foundation rebuilt, 1907; re-sided with asbestos, c. 1940; windows replaced, c. 1980; 4 porches, garage added, c. 1960

Condition Fair

Moved no yes Date

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Setting Town center

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.

- * 28 Station Avenue is 3x6-bay, front-gabled, Greek Revival style design of larger scale than most others in the town center; it is distinguished by the closed gable with deep eaves and heavy moldings in the upper part of the facade; The southwest elevation is expanded by an enclosed shed-roofed porch; Additional porches have been added to the center bay of the first story of the facade and to two locations on the northeast elevation; A gabled cupola and brick chimney mark the center of the roof ridge
- * Decorative features include the prominent tympanum with its closed gable and molded cornice and frieze
- * Windows are mainly modern 1/1 double-hung sash with plain trim; the exception is the cupola which has 2/2 sash; the principal entry is through the enclosed modern porch on the southeast elevation; secondary entries exist in the northwest elevation
- * The attached barn is a 2-story, front-gambrel form that faces southwest; Access is through a pair of overhead vehicle doors contained in the shed addition of the facade; A mow door gives access to the upper floor; fenestration in the second story of the facade includes 6/6 and 2/2 sash while a row of 6 small fixed sash light the northwest elevation; additional details include the molded cornice and gable returns; the building is sheathed in wood clapboards
- * The house at 28 Station Avenue is unique in Groton Center due to the large scale combined with the Greek Revival design and industrial setting

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 28 Station Avenue first appears on a historic map in 1921 and is labeled as the telephone exchange (2nd floor) and a hay and grain store below. The barn was built previously and appears in place on the 1906 Sanborn map. The 1929 resident directory lists the Groton Grain Company on Station Avenue while the 1930 map lists G. L. Bixby as the owner. George L. Bixby lived in West Groton and ran the Bixby Brothers' trucking service on Station Avenue.

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.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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