

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 26 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 462, 463

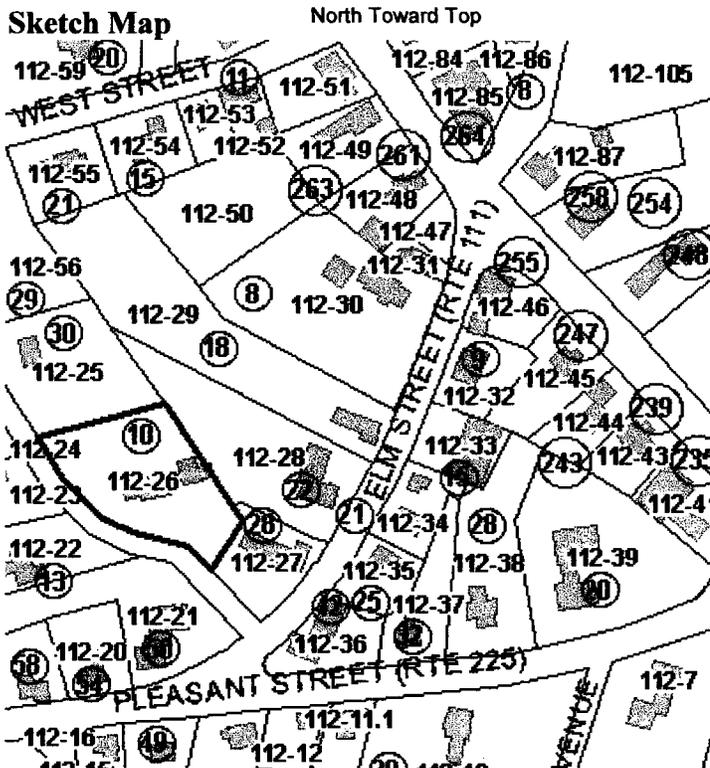
Town Groton
 Place (neighborhood or village)

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)

Address 10 Whiting Avenue
 Historic Name
 Uses: Present Residential
 Original Residential
 Date of Construction 1901
 Source May, "Houses", p. 172
 Style/Form Victorian Eclectic



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

Architect/Builder
 Exterior Material:
 Foundation Undetermined
 Wall/Trim Wood clapboard
 Roof Asphalt shingle
 Outbuildings/secondary structure
 Detached 19th c. barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good
 Moved no yes Date
 Acreage .75
 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.

- * The house at 10 Whiting Avenue is a Victorian Eclectic style, 2 1/2-story, front-gabled, 2x5-bay form with rear additions that extend the complex floor plan toward the 19th century detached barn and sheds; secondary masses include the open porch on the principal (west-facing) elevation which supports the enclosed second story porch above the side hall entry; paired, gabled open entry porches cover secondary entries on the south side elevation (suggesting a multiple residential use)
- * Decorative features are the corner pilasters, molded cornice and gable returns
- * Windows are mainly 2/1 double-hung sash with plain trim; these are paired in the second story of the principal elevation and in both stories of the central bay of the south side elevation
- * The side-hall entry has plain trim and is located adjacent to a large 4-pane window that is unique on the house
- * The barn has its gable end with two vehicle openings facing south; additional openings in the principal elevation include two 2/2 double-hung sash and a mow door at the second story; additions to the barn include the 2-story section with perpendicular gabled roof at the east elevation and small sheds attached to the south of the 2-story section; the roof ridge is occupied by a ventilator with pyramidal roof; siding is wood clapboard;
- * The house is larger than average for Groton Center and appears to have undergone several additions early in its existence

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 location of Whiting Avenue is vacant on the 1889 county atlas, indicating construction took place subsequent to that time. Houses on the street contain Victorian design elements and suggest development occurred shortly afterward. Virginia May writes in her book "Groton Houses" that Will Woods built this house in 1901. The 1930 map of Groton depicts A. A. Wood as the owner. This is probably Arthur A. Wood who is listed in the 1929 directory as a carpenter living on Whiting Ave. The sheds and unusual barn form may have been used in the woodworking process.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1889 Walker atlas; 1939 Tercentenary map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; Sanborn Fire Insurance maps; May, "Groton Houses", p. 172

**** 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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