

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 23 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 464

Town Groton
Place (neighborhood or village)

Photograph

(3"x3" or 3-1/2"x5" 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.

Address 21 Whiting Avenue

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1890

Source Estimate

Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Undetermined

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached 19th c. barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Windows replaced, c. 1990

Condition Fair

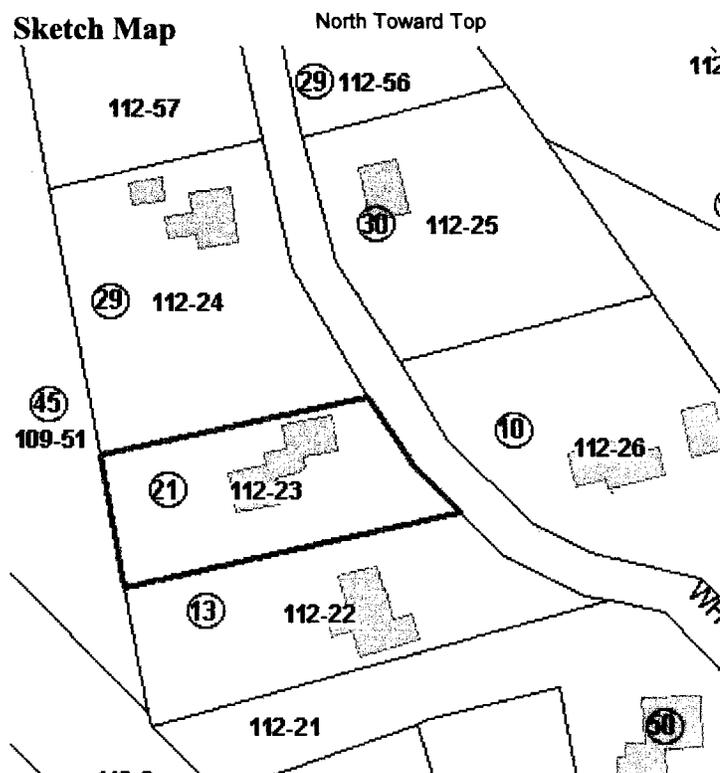
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Sketch Map



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Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

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 21 Whiting Avenue is a 2x2-bay, front-gabled, 2 1/2-story house with a 1-story rear addition that attaches to the gable front barn; Enclosed porches occupy the first story of the principal elevation and the junction of the house and rear addition; additional secondary masses include the bay window at the south elevation of the main block
- * Decorative features include the molded cornice, gable returns and corner boards
- * Widows are modern replacement sash with slim hoods and otherwise plain trim
- * The barn has its gable end toward the street and is accessed by the vehicle opening (now filled in with a modern overhead door), mow door above and a single 6/6 window in the gable peak (which suggests the type may have originally been used in the house)
- * The house and barn are in fair condition and have been altered by the change in windows and the barn door
- * The scale and materials are typical for late 19th century 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 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. The 1930 map of Groton depicts the W. J. Boynton Heirs as the owners. Virginia May writes in her book "Groton Houses" that William J. Boynton was a baker who made crackers with his brother John in a shop in Elm Street built in 1874 (this is now the site of 15 Elm Street).

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", pp. 119, 120;

**** 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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