

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 24 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 465

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 29 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

Detached shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

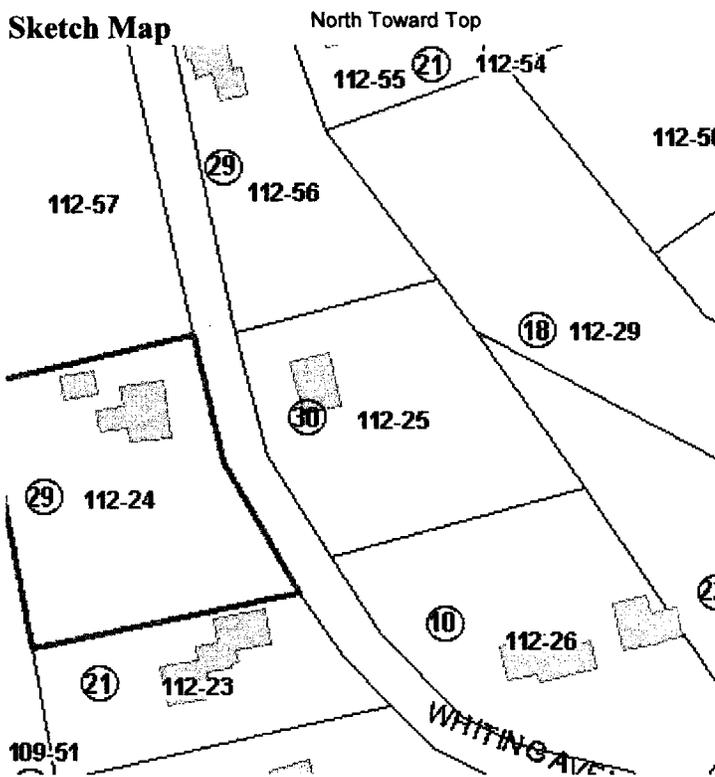
Condition Excellent

Moved no yes Date

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Setting Town center

Sketch Map



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

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Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

- * The house at 29 Whiting Avenue is a Victorian Eclectic style, 3x2-bay, side-gabled form of 2 1/2 stories; secondary masses include an enclosed entry porch covering a secondary entry at the south elevation, two 1-story bays in the façade that flank the gable-roofed open porch over the center entry
- * Decorative features include the symmetrical fenestration in the façade, corner boards, molded cornice, gable returns, jigsawn brackets at the eaves of the two porches, and paired chimneys at the roof ridge
- * Windows are 2/2 double hung sash with shutters; the center entry has plain trim
- * The house is very well-maintained and represents typical residential design and construction in the latter part of the 19th century in Groton

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 T. F. Donahue as the owner. Mr. Donahue worked as a painter according to the 1918 resident directory but had passed away by the time of the 1929 edition. The 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map depicts the building in place and in use as a dwelling.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1889 Walker atlas; 1939 Tercentenary map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; Sanborn Fire Insurance maps

**** 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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