

# FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112-30 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 466, 467

Town  
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 36 Willowdale Road

Historic Name

Uses: Present Multi-unit residential

Original

Date of Construction c. 1880

Source 1875, 1889 county atlases

Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Unknown

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Detached 19th c. barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

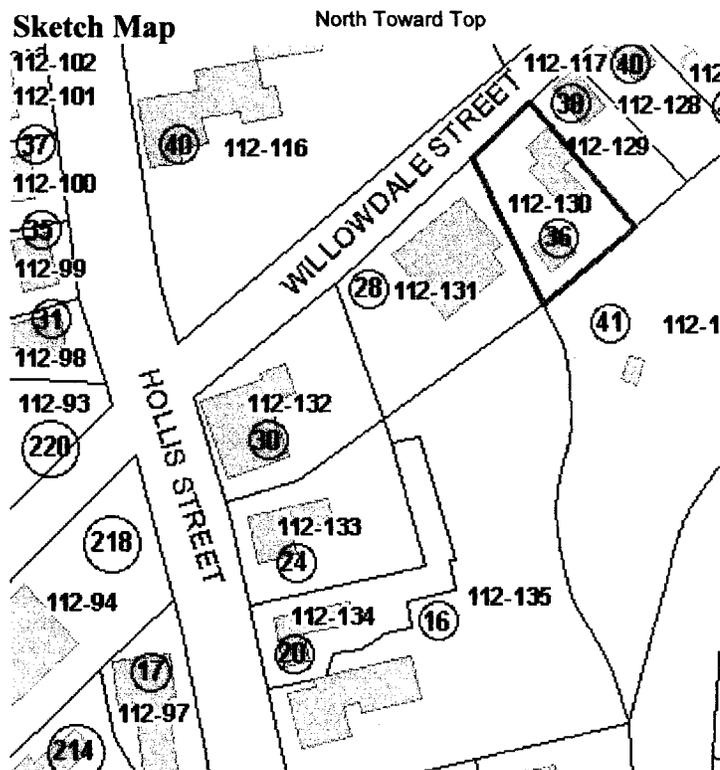
Condition Fair

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

see continuation sheet

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

- \* The house at 36 Willowdale Road is a cross-gabled, 2 1/2-story wood clapboard building of 3 bays' depth on the southwest elevation and 2 on the northeast; the façade is an asymmetrical 3-bay design with three windows lighting the second story, two windows and paired entry doors filling the first story openings and a gable peak window above; A shed-roofed porch covers the center entry; A two-story bay window and the cross gable project from the southwest elevation
- \* Decorative elements include the molded cornice, corner boards, gable returns and turned posts with carved brackets supporting the entry porch and its simple cornice,
- \* Windows are 2/2 double-hung sash with flat trim
- \* The paired entries appear to be original, have matching doors with three panels and four lights
- \* The detached barn is a front-gabled form with a vehicle door, mow door and unfenestrated window opening in the principal elevation; Ornament includes the gable returns, molded cornice and corner boards that match those elements on the house; This is one of around two dozen barns in Groton Center
- \* The building is set on a flat parcel in a residential neighborhood and remains in fair condition with its exterior features intact

### 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 36 Willowdale Road appears from the 1875 and 1889 county atlases to have been built c. 1880. B. Gale is depicted as the 1889 owner and is the parcel is shown with a shop as well as the house. Bowman Gale is listed in the 1888 resident directory as a cabinet finisher living on Hollis Street, possibly a reference to Willowdale Road given the proximity. The shop no longer exists. By 1906, the existing barn was in use as a cobbler shop. The 1930 map shows P. Charpentier as the owner. Mr. Charpentier worked as a laborer according the 1929 resident directory.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

continuation sheet

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, 1888, 1918, 1929; Butler's town history; Butler's town history; Dr. Green; 1930 Somes map of Groton

**\*\* 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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