

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 107 11 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 520

Town Groton3
Place (neighborhood or village)
Groton School

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 237 Farmers Row
Historic Name Endicott Peabody House
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential
Date of Construction 1941
Source Faith Smith's research

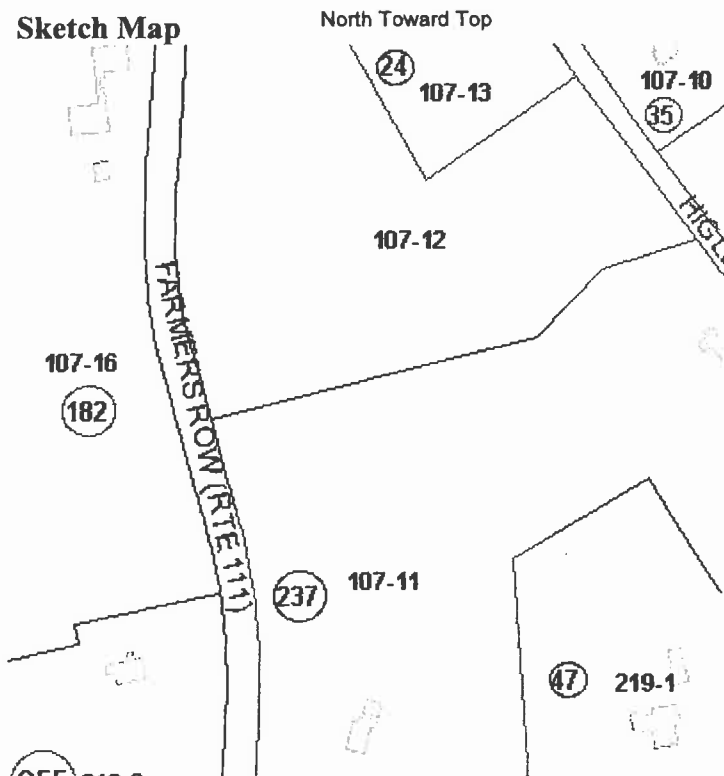
Style/Form Colonial Revival
Architect/Builder Daland Chandler, architect

Exterior Material:
Foundation Undetermined
Wall/Trim Wood clapboard
Roof Asphalt shingle
Outbuildings/secondary structure
Attached garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Excellent
Moved no yes Date
Acreage Part of Groton School campus
Setting Rural

Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/08

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 237 Farmers Row is a 2 1/2-story, ridge hipped form with a 5-bay façade and elements of the Colonial Revival style; a sixth bay is set back from the façade and expands the plan to the north; an attached garage and connecting hyphen are located on the north side elevation
- * Details are sparse, consisting mainly of the symmetrical fenestration and classical trim around the enclosed porch which covers the center entry
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung units with beaded trim
- * The large house is well-maintained and occupies a rural segment of Farmers Row, the site of several estate quality properties

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 237 Farmers Row was built in 1941 as the home of Reverend Endicott Peabody, founder of Groton School, located across Farmers Row. Reverend Peabody was the headmaster from the school's founding in 1884 until retiring in 1940. The architect was Groton School alumnus Henry Daland Chandler (1884-1969), a resident of Boston and prominent member of the Boston Society of Architects. (The Henry Daland Chandler papers are housed at the Mass. Historical Society) Rev. Peabody lived here until his death in 1944.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Smith, Faith J. "Farmers Row in Groton, Massachusetts: The Olmsted Firm's Influence on a Neighborhood from 1884 to 1894" Undated, unpublished manuscript held in the Groton School Archive. Smith, "Draft Document for Nomination of Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, to the National Register of Historic Places". Unpublished MS, 1999. "Boston: A Topographical History", Walter Muir Whitehill, pp.200, 214

**** 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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