

# FORM B - Building

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220 Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Map and Lot # 112 41 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 367

Town Groton3  
Place (neighborhood or village) Groton Center

## 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 235 Main Street  
Historic Name Shattuck Store  
Uses: Present Commercial  
Original Commercial  
Date of Construction c. 1870

Source Groton Houses, p. 157  
Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Unknown

Wall/Trim Wood clapboards

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Turned 90 degrees east, c. 1955; south addition. c. 1955

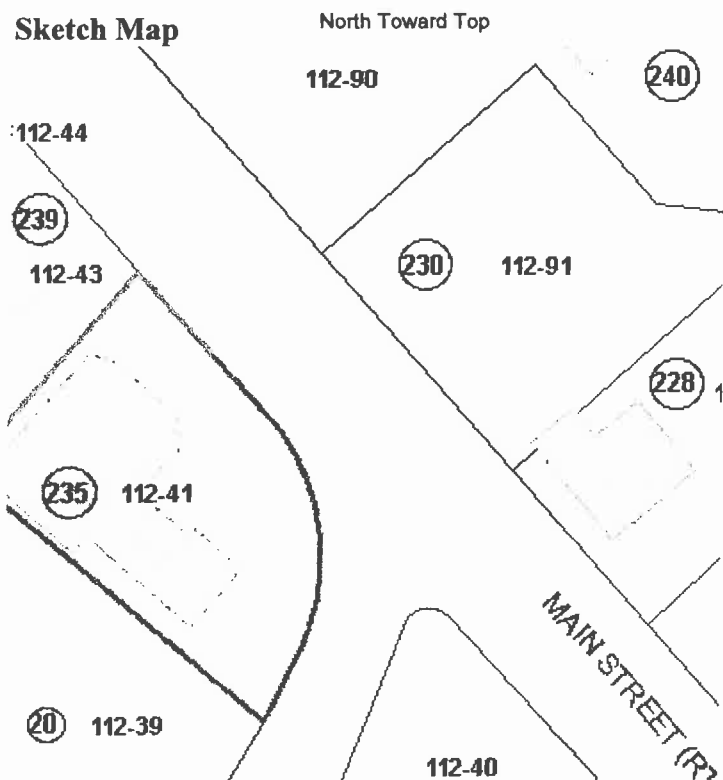
Condition Excellent

Moved no  yes  Date

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Setting Town Center

## Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/08

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 large Victorian Eclectic style store is built on a gable front plan of 3x3 bays
- \* Decorative features include the prominent paneled corner pilasters, gable returns and cornice; the brick chimney at the rear of the roof ridge is ornamented with dentils and a corbelled cap
- \* The one-story addition at the south side of the store extends four bays to the south; the off center entry is marked by a low-pitched wall gable
- \* Windows are mainly 2/2 double-hung sash with hoods above the façade openings
- \* The enclosed porch has a flat roof with gabled crest over the center entry; this was formerly an open porch supported by columns
- \* The store is a very well preserved and large example of commercial construction in Groton Center from the Victorian Period and occupies a prominent location at the corner of Pleasant Street and Main Street

### 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 storekeeper Milo Shattuck (b. 1822) first conducted business on the south side of Pleasant Street near the site of 13 Pleasant Street and later in the existing building at 235 Main Street after its construction in 1870. The parcel was previously occupied by the Emerson Dearborn Tavern from c. 1815-1855 and later a shoe factory until the building burned c. 1856. According to Dr. Green's history, Mr. Shattuck bought his first store on Pleasant Street from David Child in 1852, moved to the current site c. 1870 and by 1890, was doing a large business. The R.G. Dun and Co. Credit Reports for 1881-1889 state that Mr. Shattuck had good credit, was a "Careful, prudent man doing careful business and credit good...Owns real estate and generally has an estimated worth of 25 thousand and credit good...He is what we term here a rich man." May states in "Groton Houses" that Mr. Shattuck built his house at 20 Pleasant Street in 1851 but Mr. Shattuck was listed as a boarder in the house of Zara Patch at 31 Hollis Street (MHC #27) in 1855, suggesting a slightly later construction date. By the time of the 1865 census, Mr. Shattuck lived at 20 Pleasant Street (MHC #380) with his wife Susan and infant son Grant. Mr. Shattuck occupied the house until at least 1889. His son Grant was the subsequent occupant of the house and also took over his father's store, operating it under the name Milo Shattuck's Store into the 1930s. The owners starting in March 1943 were (Joseph) Madigan and Whitney according to a news article reproduced in the Groton Town Diaries. The new owners held an auction at the store of hardware, paints, furniture and equipment. In 1955, the owners turned the grocery and liquor store 90 degrees east to face Main Street. It was around this time they built a gas station in the addition at the south side of the store. The store continues in business under ownership of a member of the Madigan family. Tanks and pumps for the gas station are now gone but the former station attached to the south side of the store houses a restaurant.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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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, 1918, 1929; Butler's town history; May, "Groton Plantation", p. 77; Butler's town history; Dr. Green, Chapter VII, p. 6, 7; Vol ii, p. 160; 1930 Somes Map; 1855, 1865 state census; May, "Houses", pp. 61, 84, 157; Groton Town Diaries, March, 1943, p. 34; R.G. Dun and Co. Credit Reports, 1881-1889;

**\*\* 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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