

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 38 Martins Pond Road is a side-gabled, 3x2-bay, 2 1/2-story form with elements of the Victorian Eclectic style; the main block of the house is enlarged by a 2-story ell attached to the south side elevation; a 1-story hipped porch covers the façade of the main block and a 1-story bay window in the south side of the façade; a secondary entry is the south side ell and is covered by a gabled open porch
- * Decorative features are the paneled corner pilasters, gable returns, molded cornice and prominent window hoods
- * Windows are 2/2 double-hung sash with shutters
- * The main entry under the front porch has relatively plain trim with a hood that matches the windows
- * The detached carriage barn is a wood clapboard building with a vehicle door on the eave side, mow door and wall gable above; windows and their trim match those on the house; the grade falls away to the south forming a banked foundation
- * The house and barn are well-maintained and are of a scale and level of detail typical for Groton's finer Victorian farm complexes

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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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 site of the house at 38 Martins Pond Road is vacant on the 1889 county atlas, suggesting a construction date shortly thereafter. The 1930 map depicts F. H. Woods as the occupant, although no one named Woods is listed as a resident of Martins Pond Road in the resident directories.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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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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Massachusetts Historical Commission

Community
Property Address

Groton
38 Martins Pond Road

Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Area(s)

Form No.

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

Individually eligible X

Eligible only in a historic district

Contributing to a potential historic district

Potential historic district

Criteria: A B C D

Criteria considerations: A B C D E F G

Statement of significance by: Sanford Johnson

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The Victorian Eclectic style house at 38 Martins Pond Road is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as an individual resource at the local level. The house was built c. 1890, apparently as a farmstead judging by the relatively large and ornate barn. The building's associations with agricultural activity in Groton establish its significance under Criterion A. The Victorian Eclectic style of the main block, which consists of the restrained paneled corner pilasters, gable returns, molded cornice and prominent window hoods, and the barn with its prominent wall gable and eave trim make the property eligible under Criterion C. The setting and building remain largely unaltered and retain integrity of materials, setting and workmanship.

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