

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 103 62 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 555

Town Groton3
 Place (neighborhood or village) West Groton

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 20 Old Orchard Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1920

Source Estimate

Style/Form Colonial Revival/Craftsman

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Cobblestone

Wall/Trim Wood shingle

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Detached shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

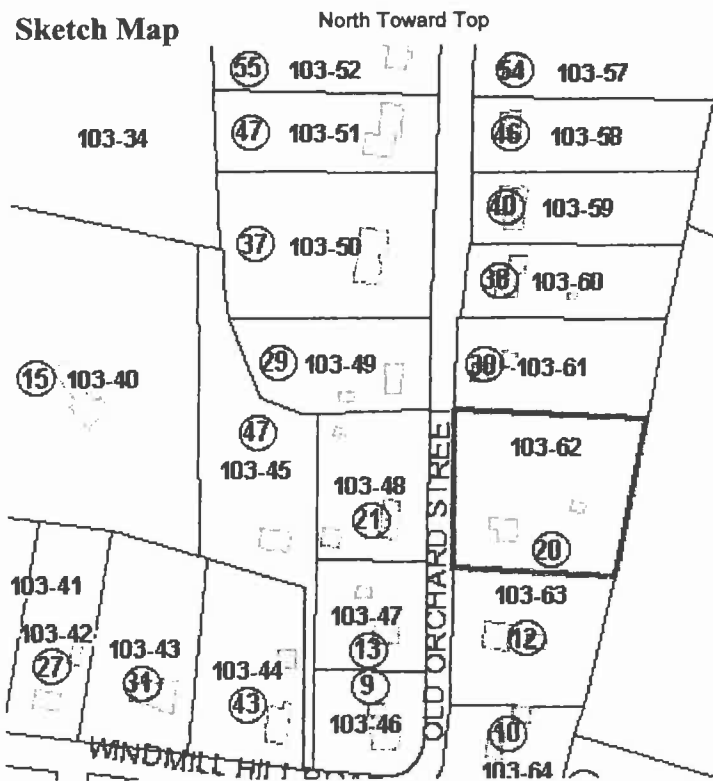
Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

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Setting Residential street

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 house at 20 Old Orchard Street is a side-gambrel, 2 1/2-story, 3x3-bay form with gabled and shed dormers on the front slope of the roof and an enclosed side hall entry porch
- * The design contains elements of the Shingle and Craftsman styles; Shingle style details include the gambrel roof, shingle siding, complex roof line including the pent roof in the gabled dormer, multiple window types while the Craftsman influence is seen in the exposed rafter ends and beams in the entry porch; Colonial Revival style fluted Tuscan columns support the porch
- * Windows are mainly 6/1 double hung sash which appear in at least three different sizes
- * The house is well-maintained and represents an unusual mix of styles for 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 1930 map of Groton depicts the house as the property of the Hollingsworth and Vose paper company on Townsend Road in West Groton. The Hollingsworth and Vose Area is the smaller of Groton's two existing mill villages (The other is West Groton; Additional former mill sites exist along the Squannacook and Nashua Rivers but are no longer the site of industrial activity). The H&V site is located on the Squannacook River 3-4 miles west of Groton Center and a mile north of West Groton. The H&V site formerly contained a Federal Period starch mill that burned in 1846. The manufacture of paper began at this location shortly before the starch mill burned and continues to today. Manufacturing activity encouraged some residential development in the area during the Late Industrial Period and Early Modern Periods, changing it from a rural agrarian neighborhood into a small mill village served by the former Peterborough and Shirley Railroad, later the Boston and Main Railroad until the 1960s. The area retains some distinctive characteristics of the New England mill village as seen in its relatively small architectural designs for mill worker housing on Vose Avenue, Townsend Road and Old Orchard Street, the tall brick smokestack visible from Townsend Road and in the long low form of the mill building's east wall.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1930 Somes map of Groton; Butler, Caleb. History of the Town of Groton. Boston: T. R. Marvin, 1848, pp. 244-245; Green, S. A. Historical Series, Vol. 2, pp. 166, 439-442; Vol 3, p. 40

**** 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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Property Address

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