

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 17 School Street is a foursquare form, Classical Revival style house with deck-hipped roof and open front porch with gabled roof and tympanum ornamented with a cartouche and vegetation; gabled dormers occupy the front and west slopes of the roof and a three-sided bay window rises along the west elevation
- * Decorative features include the dentils at the eaves, in the pediments of the porch and dormers and in the window trim, pilasters at the building corners and in the dormers and porch, Doric columns and fluted square piers supporting the front porch
- * Windows are a combination of 1/1 and 2/1 double-hung sash which are paired on the west elevation; sashes in the center of the second story of the façade and in the front dormer have leaded art glass in the upper sash and in the sidelights
- * The center entry has 1/2 length sidelights, a combination of round and square pilasters with swags in the capitals
- * The setting is across the relatively broad avenue of School Street from the Old Burying Ground (MHC #800); the design is similar in scale and detail to the house at 11 Powderhouse Road

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.

Virginia May suggests in her book "Groton Houses" that the house was built in 1903 by the carpenter James Bennett as his residence. Mr. Bennett is also noted in the same book as the designer and builder during renovation of the house at 78 Old Ayer Road (MHC #92) in 1903. By the time of the publication of the 1930 map of Groton, H. R. Lewis had become the owner. Harrison R. Lewis lived here with his wife Florence and worked as a superintendent of an unspecified organization.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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May, "Groton Houses", pp. 27, 172; Resident directories; 1918, 1929;

**** 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

Town
Groton

Property Address

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Boston, MA 02125

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