

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 225-54 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 172, 202

Town Groton
Place (neighborhood or village)

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 193 Chicopee Row
Historic Name Eaton, Jonas-Knapp, George House
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential-agricultural
Date of Construction c. 1825

Source 1828-1829 Butler Field Notes

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

19th c. barn w/ cupola; modern detached garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Victorian porch removed, rear addition, late 20th c.

Condition Good

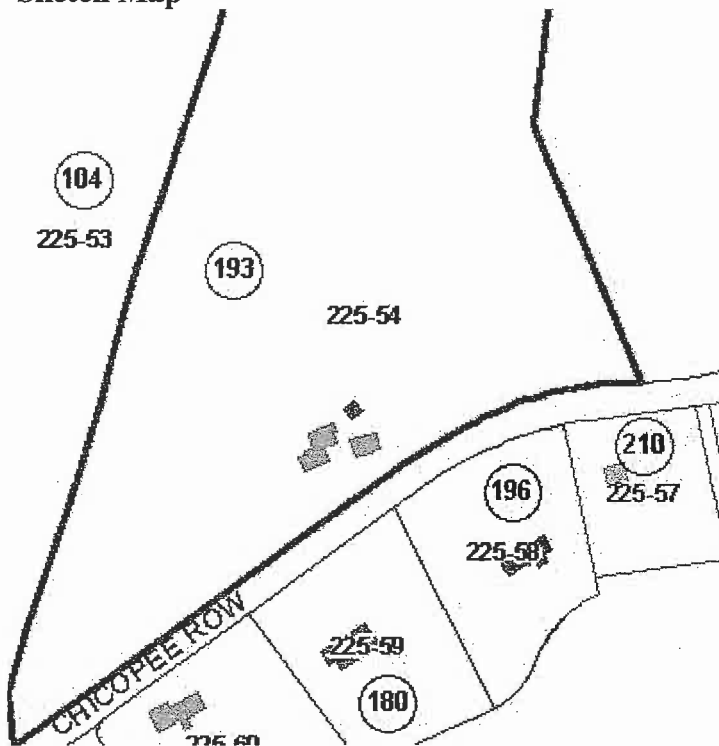
Moved no yes Date

Acreage 70

Setting Rural

Sketch Map

North Toward Top



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 6/06

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 193 Chicopee Row is a 5x1-bay, side-gabled, 2 1/2-story Federal style design with a 1-story modern addition at the northeast side
- * Decorative elements include the symmetrical fenestration in the façade, corner boards, molded cornice and beaded window trim
- * Windows are 6/6 double hung sash
- * The center entry has sidelights and a classical surround that may have been installed in the late 20th century
- * Two brick chimneys rise from the roof ridge
- * A detached 19th century front-gabled barn exists northeast of the house and has a rolling vehicle door in the southwest elevation, board and batten siding and a cupola in the center of the roof ridge; 6/6 double hung windows exist beside the door and in the gable peak in the primary elevation; an single window lights the street side elevation; Gable returns ornament the gable end walls
- * A picket fence joins the house and barn
- * A modern detached garage exists behind or north of the historic barn
- * The house and barn are in good condition and retain integrity of materials, design and setting

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 193 Chicopee Row was built c. 1825 and appears on the 1832 and 1847 Butler maps and the 1856 Walling map as the house of Jonas Eaton. The house is described by Caleb Butler in his field notes for his 1832 map as a 2-story house with five windows across the front and a single chimney, much the same appearance it has today. While it is not known if this refers to Jonas Sr. or Jr., both owned farms in town valued slightly above average in 1830 and in 1847. State census information from 1855 indicates he was 85 years of age, worked as a farmer, was married to Polly and had 3 daughters. Non-population Census Schedules from 1850 indicate he owned 80 acres, a horse and 4 cows in addition to a small amount of agricultural produce. By 1875, the farm was occupied by L. D. Hutchins which refers to Lorenzo Hutchins, owner of 2 horses, 7 cows, 3 yearlings, the house, 2 barns and a 50 acre homestead, all typical for Groton farmers. State census schedules from 1865 list Mr. Hutchins as living at or near this location, aged 42 years with a wife named Clarissa and 2 daughters. In 1889, the property was owned by Leonard C. Farwell who according to the 1889 atlas and tax valuations, owned a house and 2 barns. The resident directory from 1888 lists him as a furniture maker living in Chicopee Row. A subsequent owner in the early 1900s, according to previous research, was George Knapp who farmed the land and raised fruit. By 1939, the land was in use as pasture, orchard and gardens. Local historians relate that the barn was moved from another location.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1832 and 1847 Butler maps and field notes; 1856 Walling map; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; Previous research; 1939 WPA map; Groton Tax Records, 1830-1889; State Census, 1855, 1865; Non-population Census Schedules;

**** 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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Form No.

193 Chicopee Row



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Community Groton

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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 Federal Style Eaton House and barn at 193 Chicopee Row are potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as an individual resource at the local level. The house is described by Caleb Butler in his field notes for his 1832 map of Groton as a 2-story house with five windows across the front and a single chimney, much the same appearance it has today. It was built c. 1825 and appears on the 1832 and 1847 Butler maps and the 1856 Walling map as the property of Jonas Eaton. While it is not known if this refers to Jonas Sr. or Jr., both owned farms in town valued slightly above average in 1830 and in 1847. The building's associations with historic agricultural activity in Groton establish its significance under Criterion A. The simple design with symmetrical façade fenestration and center entry with classical trim and the historic wood clapboard exterior are typical of Federal style residential construction in Groton, making the property eligible under Criterion C. The house retains integrity of design, materials, setting and workmanship.