

# FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 219 2 USGS Quad Area(s) X Form Number 39

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 281 Farmers Row  
Historic Name Hopkins-Waite House  
Uses: Present Residential-Groton School  
Original Residential  
Date of Construction c. 1820

Source Architectural style  
Style/Form Federal-Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

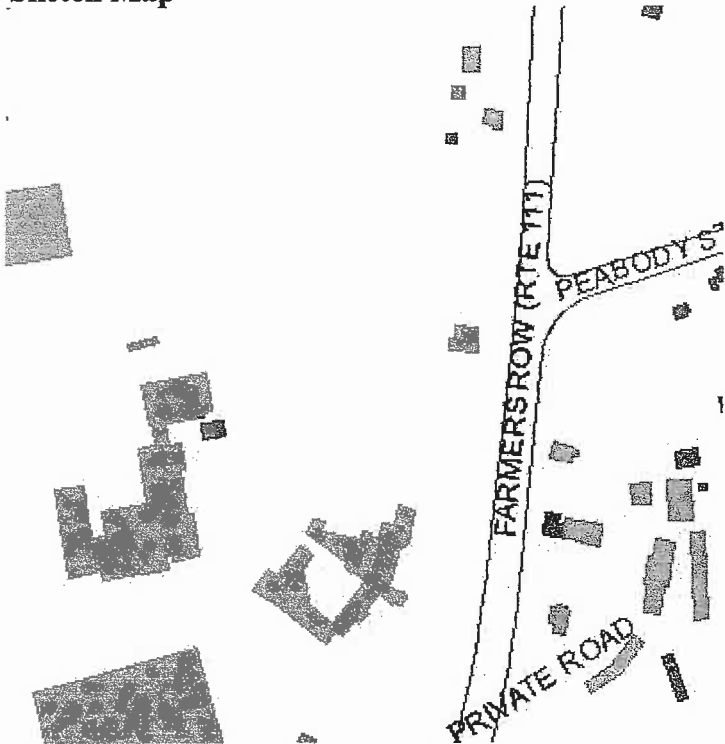
Foundation Stone, brick  
Wall/Trim Wood clapboard  
Roof Asphalt shingle  
Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good  
Moved no  yes  Date 1898  
Acreage 30  
Setting Rural - Groton School campus

## 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 Hopkins-Waite House is a side-gabled, 2 1/2-story, 4x2-bay Victorian Eclectic style residence
- \* Decorative features include the corner boards, gable returns and molded cornice; brick chimneys rise from both side elevations
- \* The first story of the façade is covered by a full width flat roofed porch supported by turned posts
- \* Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with plain trim; The center entry is also plainly trimmed
- \* The well-maintained house may have been built as a Federal style design and altered around the time it was moved in 1898 with Victorian elements; it faces west on Farmers Row and has views of the Groton School Campus;

### 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.*

Stephen Kendall is depicted as the owner of 281 Farmers Row (MHC #39) on the 1832 map of the town when it was located 1/2 mile south of the current location. Non-population Census Schedules from 1850 indicate MR. Kendall had a hop crop of \$1,100 although he may have lived at a separate location nearby at this time. The road name Farmers Row was in use as early as 1848 according to Mr. Butler's History of Groton, suggesting the initial use of the property was agricultural. Around 1846, Edward Adams Richardson names George Martin Shattuck as the occupant of the house. By 1856, the owner was John H. Hartwell, a 46-year-old farmer who lived with his wife Caroline, a boarder named Alpheus Richardson and 4 children, two of whom were described as "idiots" in the census and by 1875, it was Joshua Wait (also Waite) who appears in the 1865 census as a farmer from Malden with a wife named Elizabeth and 3 children. It may have been Mr. Waite who had the house moved a quarter mile north in 1898 and also moved the barn to the east away from the road.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Butler, p. 247; Previous GHS research; Tax records, 1830-1889; 1888 resident directory; 1855, 1865 state census; Richardson, "The Community";

**\*\* 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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**Town**  
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**Property Address**

**Area(s)**

**Form No.**

281 Farmers Row

