

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 114 USGS Quad Y Area(s) 30, 211 Form Number

Town Groton
Place (neighborhood or village) Groton Center

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 52 Hollis Street

Historic Name Blood House

Uses: Present Office

Original Residence

Date of Construction c. 1840

Source 1832 and 1847 Butler maps

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Not visible

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached carriage shed; modern detached shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

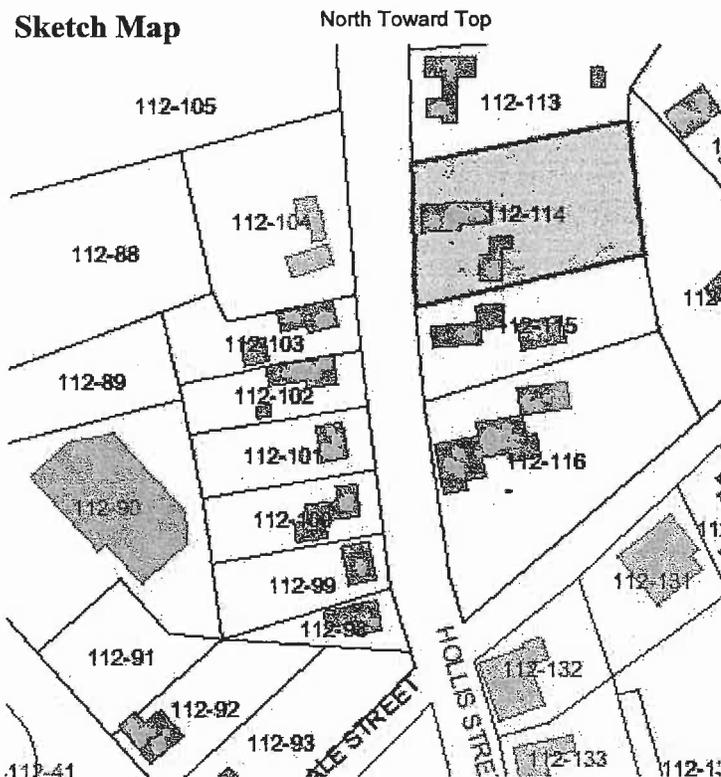
Condition Excellent

Moved no yes Date

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Setting Town center

Sketch Map



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 Blood House is a 5x3-bay, side-gabled, 2 1/2-story form with elements of the Greek Revival style; the gable end is oriented toward the street while the principal elevation is oriented south; a 2-story carriage shed attached to the east elevation; a full width front porch is enclosed at the eastern end and open at the west; a three sided bay window lights the first story of the east elevation
- * Decorative features include the triangular vent and paneled tympanum in the west-facing closed gable, corner boards, molded cornice with Greek frets at the corners and square posts with molded caps and bases supporting the open end of the front porch; two brick chimneys rise from the roof ridge
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with slim hoods; the center entry occupies the corner of the open section of porch and is flanked by 1/2 length sidelights and pilasters
- * The carriage shed is accessed at ground level by two vehicle openings in the south elevation; 6/6 sash light the second story; it is clad in clapboards and articulated with a molded cornice and corner boards
- * A picket fence lines the driveway
- * The triangular vent in the gable is locally unusual but visible in one other example at 105 Main Street;

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 first known owner of 52 Hollis Street was either A. W. Churchill or George Shattuck in 1847. Confusion results from the fact that the Butler map from that year is unclear. From c. 1856-1889, the owner was Charles Blood, a tin and sheet iron worker according to the 1855 census and 1888 resident directory. Tax valuations from 1875 and 1889 list his property as a house, barn and shop as well as \$1,000 worth of stock in trade. Sanborn fire insurance maps from 1896 depict the porch and bay window in place.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1832 and 1847 Butler maps; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1856 Walling map; Tax records, 1830-1889; 1855, 1865 state census; Sanborn fire insurance maps, 1896-1906;

**** 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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Groton

Property Address

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Area(s)

Form No.

52 Hollis Street



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Community Groton

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Property Address
52 Hollis Street

Area(s)
Y

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 X

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 Greek Revival Style Blood House at 52 Hollis Street is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as an individual resource at the local level. The first known owner of 52 Hollis Street was either A. W. Churchill or George Shattuck in 1847. Confusion results from the fact that the Butler map from that year is unclear. From c. 1856-1889, the owner was Charles Blood, a tin and sheet iron worker according to the 1855 census and 1888 resident directory. The building's associations with historic small scale industrial activity in Groton establish its significance under Criterion A. The design of the house's ornate gable facing the street and the refined symmetrical south-facing façade make the property eligible under Criterion C. The house retains integrity of design, materials, setting and workmanship.