

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 110 33 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 96

Town Groton
Place (neighborhood or village)

Photograph

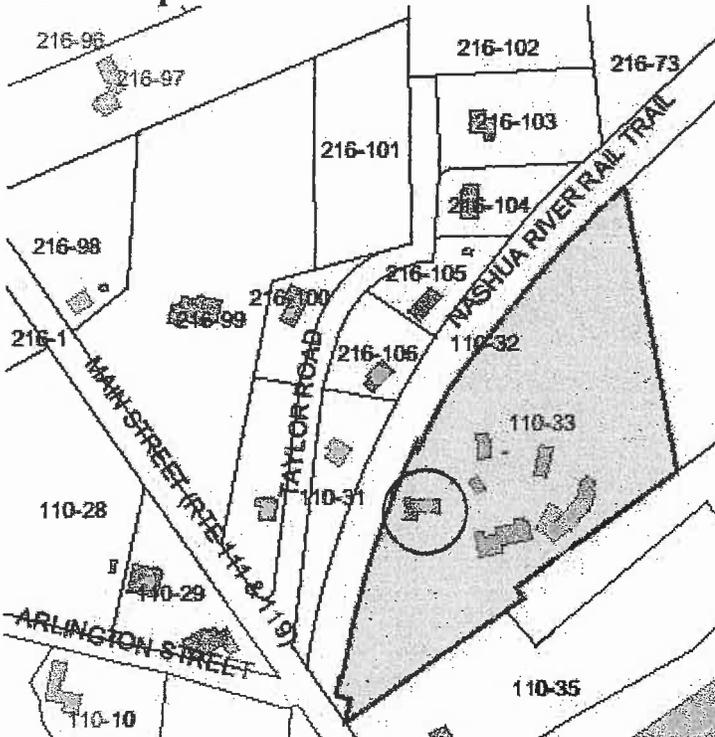
(3"x3" or 3-1/2x5" black and white only) Label photo on back with town and property address. Record film roll and negative numbers here on form. Staple photo to left side of form over this space. Attach additional photos to continuation sheets.

Roll Negative(s)

Address 436 Main Street
Historic Name Livermore - Barrows House
Uses: Present Residential/industrial
Original Residential
Date of Construction c. 1770
Source Butler's field notes, 1828-29; Previous research

Sketch Map

North Toward Top



Style/Form Colonial

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Slate shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Facade extended to five bays, c. 1840

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 6

Setting Off Main Street behind industrial complex

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

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Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

- * The Livermore-Barrows House is a saltbox form, 5x2-bay, 2 1/2-story Colonial style residence with a 1 1/2-story ell attached to the east side; the upper floors of the ell are lit by two gabled dormers
- * Decorative features include the corner boards, molded cornice, symmetrical fenestration in the facade and the classical surround with pilasters and entablature at the center entry
- * Windows are 12/12 double hung sash on the first story of the main block, 8/12 on the second and a combination of 6/9 and 8/12 in the ell
- * A slim brick chimney rises from the center of the roof ridge and may have been reduced in size from the original
- * Stone walls line the driveway in the front yard
- * The driveway from Main Street passes a modern industrial building that is part of the property and appears to be fenced off from the public; The front of the parcel is occupied by a small industrial establishment.

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.

William Livermore was the owner of 436 Main Street in 1832 according to the Butler map of that year. Butler's field notes from 1828-29 describe a house that was two stories but had only three windows across the façade, suggesting an addition after the survey. Mr. Livermore was a representative to the Massachusetts General Court in 1829 and 1830. By 1847, the owner was a relative named Daniel Livermore. Non-population Census Schedules from 1850 point out that he had 130 acres, an average amount of land for a farmer in Groton. The owner of the house depicted on the Walling map of 1856 is C. Prescott who appears in the 1855 census records as Charles Prescott, a farmer born c. 1810, living with his wife Betsy and four children. One of his daughters, Ellen, married Gilman Barrows around 1860 and the couple were listed as boarders at the Prescott house in 1865. Also, one of Charles' sons, Charles C. Prescott was a soldier in 1865. Charles Prescott remained here until at least 1875 but by 1889, the owner was depicted on the Walker atlas as Miss G. Barrows, probably a granddaughter of Charles Prescott. The house remained in the Barrows family until at least 1930 when A. C. Barrows was shown as the occupant on the Tercentenary map of Groton from 1930. Residents named Barrows do not appear in the resident directories from 1918 and 1929, leaving their occupations unknown. The 1939 WPA maps show the house as a commercial establishment of undetermined variety with surrounding land planted in orchards, crops and pasture.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; Tax records, 1830-1889; 1832 and 1847 Butler maps and field notes; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1856 Walling map; 1939 WPA map; 1855, 1865 state census; Non-population Census Schedules from 1850 point out that he had 130 acres, an average amount of land for a farmer in Groton;

**** 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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