

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 248 6, 248 3 USGS Quad 248 6, 248 3 Area(s) 248 6, 248 3 Form Number 78

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 330 Old Dunstable Road
Historic Name Sawtell, Elnathan House
Uses: Present Residential
Original Residential-agricultural
Date of Construction c. 1772
Source May, "Groton Houses", pp. 55-57

Style/Form Georgian

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Detached sheds; well house

Major Alterations (with dates)

Windows replaced on 1st floor façade

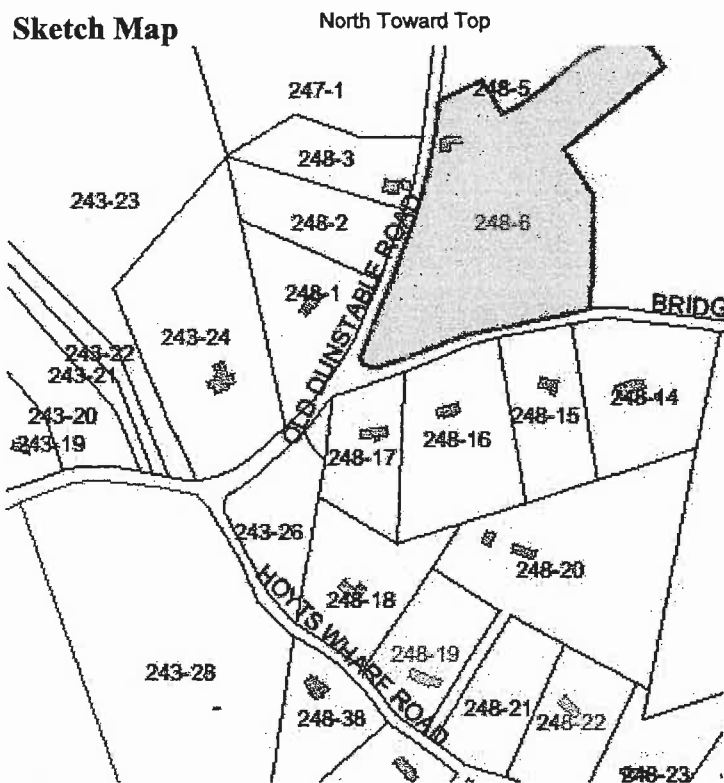
Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 6.76

Setting Rural

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 Sawtell House is a 5x2-bay, side-gabled, 2 1/2-story Federal style residence with a perpendicular rear addition of 2 stories
- * Decorative features are the symmetrical fenestration in the façade, short gable returns, slim corner boards, molded cornice and stout center brick chimney
- * The center entry has a classical surround with pilasters, architrave and denticulated pediment
- * Windows are 12/12 double-hung sash on the second story of the facade and 6/6 units on the first; beaded trim surrounds exist in the façade; windows elsewhere are mainly 6/6 units
- * Three 1-story modern sheds occupy the opposite side of the road and are in fair condition
- * The lot is open land with a well house in the field to the south
- * The house is well-maintained and retains an agricultural sensibility in its 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 330 Old Dunstable Road may have been built c. 1772 according to previous GHS research and to Dr. Green's history of the town. Virginia May describes a beam in the house carved with the date 1772 which was done by Ebenezer Patch who sold the house to Elnathan Sawtell, the occupant depicted on the 1832 and 1847 Butler maps, as well as the 1856 Walling map. Mr. Sawtell was taxed in 1830 for ownership of \$2,350 in real property. In Butler's field notes from 1828-29, the house is described in its current form and painted red. By 1875, the occupant was S. Farnham whose name does not appear in tax records from that year. The 1889 Walker atlas depicts G. M. Morse as the occupant. This is George Morse who appears in the 1889 tax valuations although he did not own property other than a horse and a cow, suggesting he rented the house. The 1888 resident directory lists him as a farmer. By 1930, the owner was J. W. Mudge. The 1939 WPA map of Groton depicts orchards and hay being raised on the property. The house was occupied by Gilbert Hayes in 1963.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1832, 1847 Butler maps and field notes; 1856 Walling Map; 1875 Beers Atlas; 1889 Walker Atlas; Previous research; 1939 WPA Map; Tax records, 1830-1889; May, "Groton Houses", pp. 55-57; 1888 resident directory;

**** 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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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

The Georgian Style house at 330 Old Dunstable Road is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as an individual resource at the local level. The house may have been built c. 1772 according to previous GHC research and to Dr. Green's history of the town. Virginia May describes a beam in the house carved with the date 1772 which was done by Ebenezer Patch who sold the house to Elnathan Sawtell, the occupant depicted on the 1832 and 1847 Butler maps, as well as the 1856 Walling map. Mr. Sawtell was taxed in 1830 for ownership of \$2,350 in real property. In Butler's field notes from 1828-29, the house is described in its current form and painted red. The building's associations with agricultural activities establish its significance under Criterion A. The design of the symmetrical façade, the surviving exterior materials and details make the property eligible under Criterion C. The house retains integrity of design, materials, setting and workmanship.