

FORM B - Building

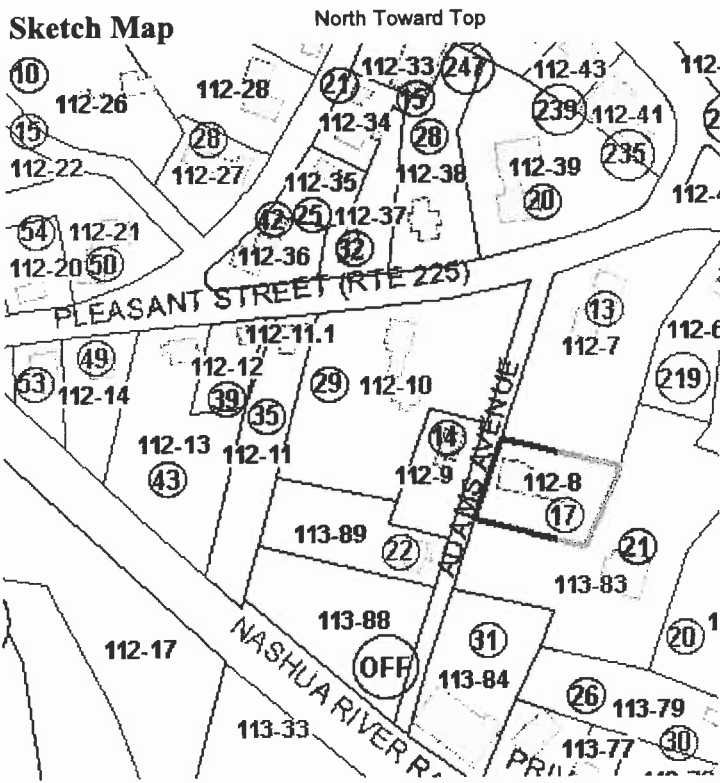
Massachusetts Historical Commission
 Massachusetts Archives Building
 220 Morrissey Boulevard
 Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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)

Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/08

Map and Lot # 112-8 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 298

Town Groton3
 Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 17 Adams Avenue

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential
 Original Residential

Date of Construction 1922

Source "Groton Houses", p. 172

Style/Form Bungalow

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Cinderblock

Wall/Trim Wood clapboards

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached garage, c. 1970

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage .42

Setting Residential side street near Groton Center

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 front gabled, 1 1/2-story house is built on a 3x4-bay plan with elements of the Bungalow form including exposed rafter ends, eave brackets and a prominent low-pitched roof; a 3-sided bay window lights the north side of the façade and a gabled dormer enlarges the upper floor on the south side roof slope
- * Windows are 2/2 double-hung sash with plain trim
- * The center entry also has plain trim and is covered by a gabled hood with angled corner brackets and exposed purloins
- * The house is well-maintained and is one of a relatively small number of Bungalows in Groton; a similar example exists at 28 Champney 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.

Virginia May states in her book "Groton Houses" that in 1922, Bessie Sherwin built her house on Joy Avenue which was later renamed Adams Avenue. This likely refers to 17 Adams Avenue. Ms. Sherwin appears to have sold the house by 1929 to Agnes Lewis according to the resident directory from that year which gives no further information for Ms. Lewis.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1918, 1929 Resident Directories; 1930 Somes Map; "Groton Houses", pp. 172-173

**** 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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Photos Taken 3-6/08

Area(s)
Form No.



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