

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 113 21 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 303

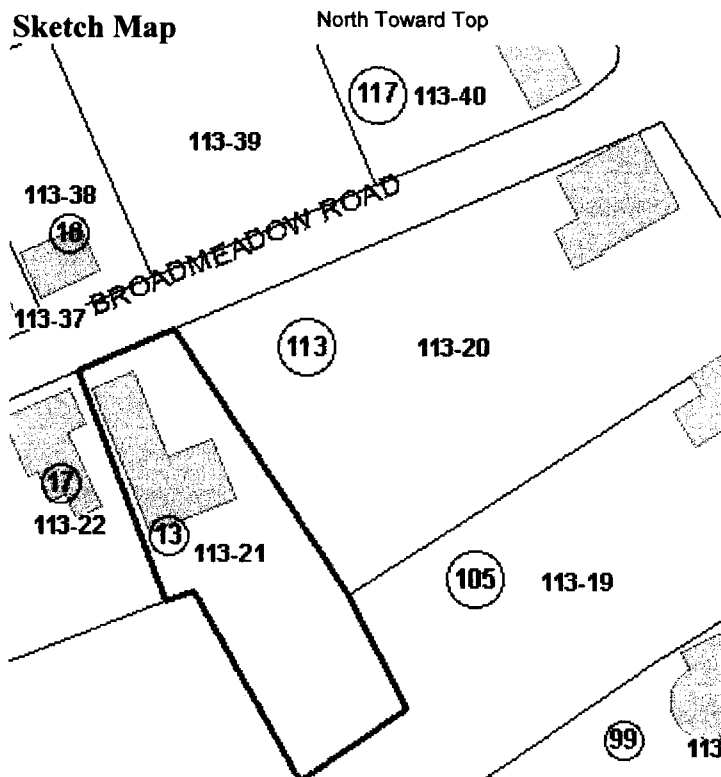
Town Groton Center
Place (neighborhood or village) Groton Center

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)

Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

Address 13 Broadmeadow Road

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1800

Source Estimate

Style/Form Cape Cod

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Unknown

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date Unknown

Acreage .25

Setting Town 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 house at 13 Broadmeadow had an L-shaped plan; the 1-story, side-gabled main block has the 2-bay gable end facing the road and the 6-bay eave side facing northeast; the 2-bay secondary block faces northwest; architectural features are sparse but the low corner post height suggests a Colonial Period construction date
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with plain trim; the two entries also have simple surrounds
- * Two stout brick chimneys rise from the roof ridge
- * The house is well maintained and occupies a site just west of Main Street among a cluster of six other houses, all of which are relatively small for Groton Center

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 13 Broadmeadow Road may have been moved to the site as it appears to be a Colonial or Federal Period building but the parcel remains undeveloped until at least 1847; The 1856 Walling map shows J. Pollard to be an owner either here or very close by. He owned 111 acres, a horse and a cow and his property was valued at \$4000 which seems high for a small residence and may suggest he owned additional property. Mr. Pollard served the town as coroner in 1852. By 1875, Charles Gerrish was the owner although this was one of the smaller buildings he owned in the center. He also owned houses at 17 Broadmeadow (MHC #??), 95 Main (MHC #16), 113 Main (MHC #14), and elsewhere. His business was farming and storekeeping for 30 years, mainly at a building now located at 118 Hollis (MHC #103), moved there from Main Street in 1889. Mr. Gerrish was a collector of historical deeds, letters and documents. By 1921, the house was in use as a duplex according to that year's Sanborn Fire Insurance map. The 1930 owners were Mary and Timothy O'Connell, a laborer.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1856 Walling map of Middlesex County; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1832 and 1847 Butler maps; 1939 WPA map; Butler's 1829 field notes; Federal census agricultural schedules, 1850-1880; Previous GHC Research; S. A. Green, chapter V, p. 8; VII, p. 4, 6; XVII, p. 18; Vol. ii, p. 57, 63; Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1921; 1930 Somes map; Resident directories; 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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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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