

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 111-21 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 491

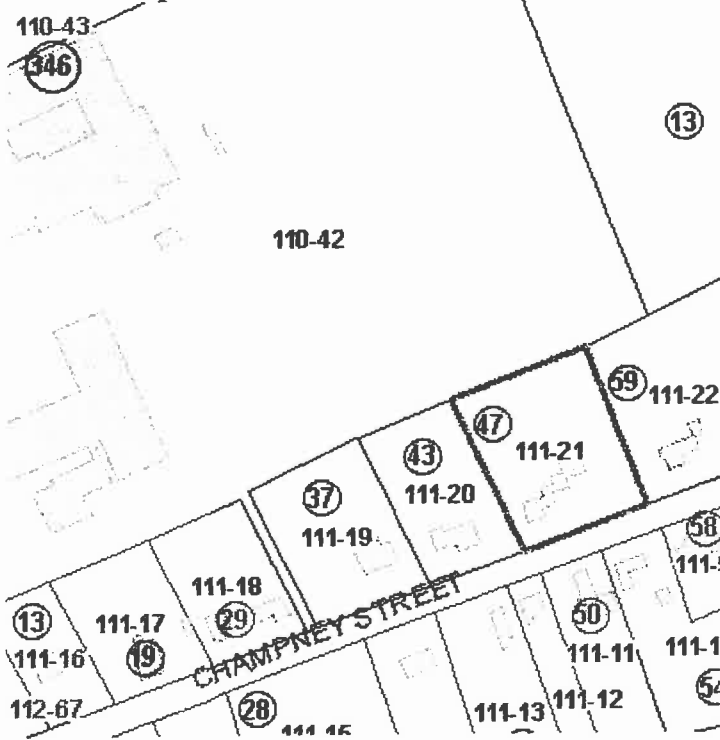
Town Groton3
Place (neighborhood or village)

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)

Sketch Map



Address 47 Champney Street

Historic Name Amos L. Ames House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1890

Source Estimate

Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Undetermined

Wall/Trim Asbestos clapboards

Roof Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Attached garage, c. 1950

Condition Fair

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 1.2

Setting Rural residential street

Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/08

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 house at 47 Champney Street is a 2 1/2-story, cross-gabled, 2x3-bay form with a 1 1/2-story ell at the northeast side and elements of the Victorian Eclectic style; a 2-story bay window projects from the gable front section of the façade; a porch covers the first story at the junction of the main block and the ell
- * Ornament consists of the corner boards, gable returns, molded cornice and jigsaw brackets in the front porch
- * Windows are 1/1 sash in the bay window and 2/2 sash elsewhere; the plain trim has beaded molding
- * The side-hall entry, which has sidelights, and the secondary entry, both under the porch also have plain trim
- * The 1-bay attached garage is set at a lower grade than the house, is clad in wood clapboard and has a gabled block connecting to the house
- * The house has been altered with asbestos siding and is of a scale typical for Champney Street
- * The design is remarkably similar to the houses at 29 and 43 Champney Street, suggesting they were built by the same builder

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.

Champney Street was laid out shortly after publication of the 1889 atlas of Middlesex County. The 1930 map of Groton by Dana Somes depicts this as the house of A. L. Ames. Mr. Ames is listed in the 1929 and 1918 resident directories as Amos L. Ames Jr., a baker.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Resident directories, 1918, 1929; 1930 Somes map of 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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Town **Property Address**
Groton

Photos Taken 3-6/08

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