



## 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 68 Champney Street is a 3x3-bay, side-gabled form of 2 1/2 stories with elements of the Victorian Eclectic and Colonial Revival styles; an open porch with gable roof and pediment and Doric columns covers the off center front entry and an enclosed porch with hip roof and glazed walls covers the secondary entry in the east side
- \* Decorative features include the corner boards, gable returns, frieze board and molded cornice
- \* A small brick chimney marks the center of the roof ridge
- \* The garage that is visible from the street has a wood clapboard exterior and unornamented gable front form; a second detached building is not visible from the street
- \* The house is well-maintained and appears to retain most original design features and materials

### 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.*

Champney Street was laid out shortly after publication of the 1889 atlas of Middlesex County. The 1930 map of Groton depicts H. J. Folkins as the occupant of the property. This may be Herbert J. Folkins who is listed as a farmer working for Groton School and living near the school c. 1918 - 1929 according to resident directories. Mr. Folkins and his wife Anna may have moved to Champney Street between 1929 and 1930 or they may have been depicted on the map as owners and were renting the property out. Virginia May indicates in "Groton Houses" that the house was moved twice, first from Hollis Street to the north side of Champney Street and later to its present location on the south side. She gives no dates for the moves but states Mr. Folkins' daughter, Mrs. Floyd Jaquay was living here, c. 1970. She also indicates Mr. Folkins lived at 281 Farmers Row (MHC #39), a house owned by the Groton School and located across the street.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Resident directories, 1918, 1929; 1930 Somes map of Groton; "Groton Houses", pp. 43, 59

**\*\* 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**

**Town**  
Groton

**Property Address**

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

Photos Taken 3-6/08

**Area(s)**  
**Form No.**



68 Champney St