

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 111 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 151

Town Groton
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)

Address 68 Hollis Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Rental housing

Date of Construction c. 1880

Source GHC Research; 1889 county atlas

Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Unknown

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

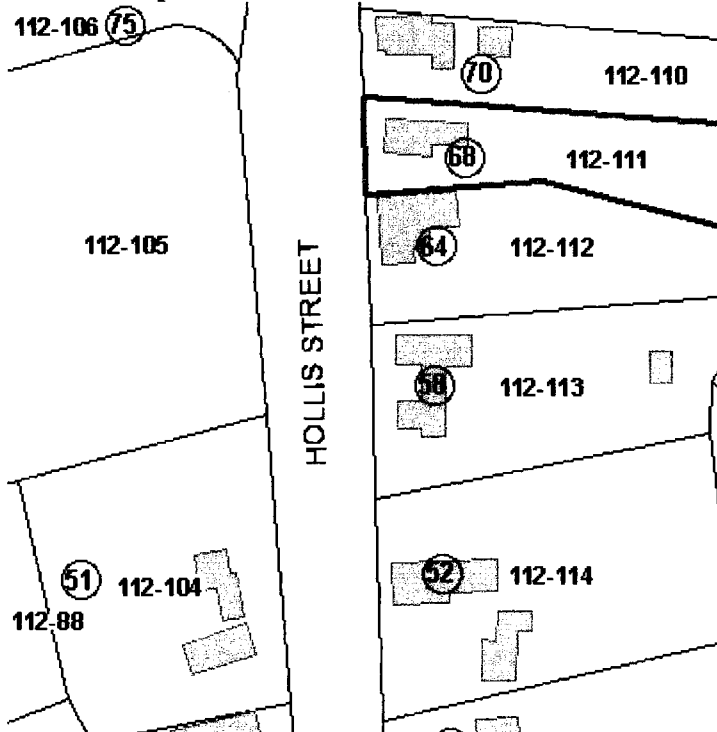
Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage .33

Setting Town center

Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

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 68 Hollis Street is a front-gabled, 3x2-bay, 2 1/2-story Victorian Eclectic style residence with a rear addition
- * Decorative features include the gable returns, corner pilasters and molded cornice
- * Windows are 2/2 double-hung sash with slim hood moldings
- * The side-hall entry also has plain trim and occupies the northern bay of the façade
- * A brick chimney occupies each side of the roof
- * A modern fence delineates part of the south side yard
- * The well-maintained house is comparable to others nearby in terms of scale and materials and is located on a densely settled segment of Hollis Street in the town 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 68 Hollis Street appears on the 1889 county atlas as a building contained on the parcel of William A. Chase at 64 Hollis Street (MHC #340). Mr. Chase was a provision dealer according to the 1888 resident directory. Previous research in assessor's records by members of the GHC states the house was built as rental housing and remained as such until 1946. The 1921 Sanborn map shows it in its current configuration but with a porch that has since been removed. The 1930 owner was Mrs. A. B. Farwell, wife of Albert Farwell, a musician. Subsequent owners were John and Madeline Walsh who occupied it in the 1980s.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

continuation sheet

1856 Walling map of Middlesex County; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1832 and 1847 Butler maps; Butler's 1829 field notes; Federal census agricultural schedules, 1850-1880; Previous GHC Research; 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; Resident Directories, 1888, 1918, 1929; 1930 Somes map;

**** 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.
-

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
Groton

Property Address

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

Area(s)
Form No.



68 Hollis Street