

FORM B - Building

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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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Town Groton

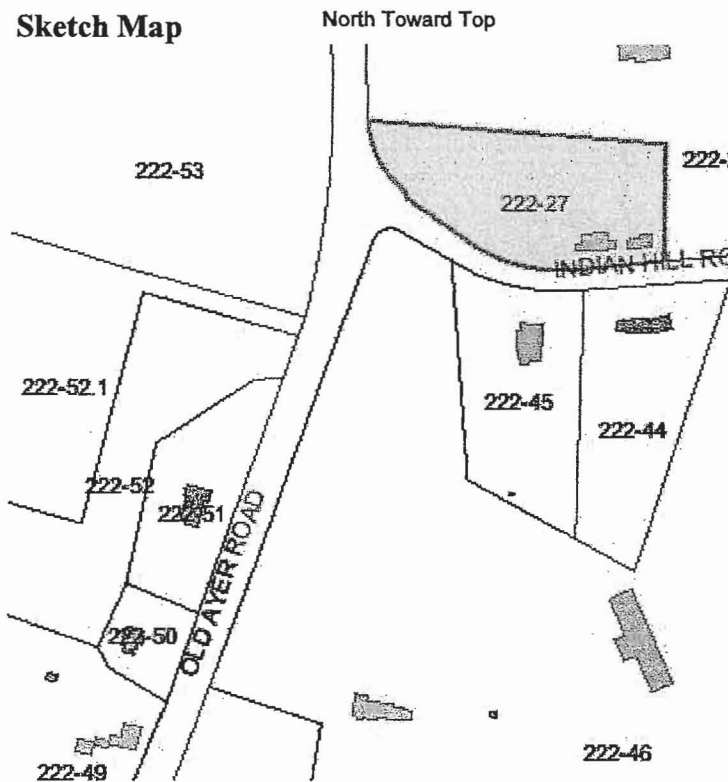
Place (neighborhood or village)

Photograph

(3"x3" or 3-1/2"x5" 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 25 Indian Hill Road

Historic Name Prescott Farm Tenant House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1826

Source Butler's 1828-29 field notes

Style/Form Cape Cod

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite; field stone

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Detached barn, garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved no ☒ yes ☐ Date

Acreage 2.27

Setting Rural

Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 6/06

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 Cape Cod house at 25 Indian Hill Road is a 1 1/2-story, 2x3-bay, front-gabled form with a 1 1/2-story, 3-bay perpendicular rear ell; a shed roof porch projects from the west side elevation and a 1-story rear addition has been made to the east side elevation
- * Little ornament exists on the house but includes the molded cornice, corner boards and the corbelled chimneys on the roof ridge of the main block and the ell
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with plain trim
- * The narrow doorway in the south gable end of the main block has plain trim
- * The detached 19th century barn is a side-gabled, 1 1/2-story form with a rolling vehicle door in the e south elevation; the dimensions are approximately 20'x20' exclusive of the shed roofed addition at the west side elevation; a 6/6 double-hung sash lights the gable peak of the barn
- * The well-maintained but diminutive house is one of the simpler examples form the period to survive in Groton

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.

The house at 25 Indian Hill Road was built c. 1826 for a tenant farmer working at the Oliver Prescott Farm at 170 Old Ayer Road (MHC # 52). The original occupant may have been Fred Doldt according to Butler's 1832 map of Groton and to tax records from 1830. Butler's field notes from 1828-29 describe the western portion of the house as it currently exists and mentions that it was old. By 1847, the occupant was Robert Durren who continued to live here until at least 1875 and who was taxed in 1847 for ownership of a house worth \$400, significantly less than the average for Groton and commensurate with the scale of the building. Non-population Census Schedules from 1860 indicate he owned two acres, a cow, pig and some small stores of crops. In the 1889 tax records, the farmers Charles and Elizabeth Jacobs owned the house which appears to be a second property in addition to their primary residence at 170 Old Ayer Road. By 1930, the occupant was L. Stratton according to previous research. The W.P.A. map of Groton from 1939 indicates the property was planted in orchards and a market garden.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Previous GHS research; , Butler maps of 1832, 1847 and field notes; Beers Atlas of 1875; Walling map of 1856; 1939 WPA Map; 1889 Walker atlas; Tax records, 1830-1889; 1855, 1865 state census; Non-population Census Schedules;

**** 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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