

## FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 126 14 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 165

Town Groton  
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)

Address 583 Lowell Road  
Historic Name Dalrymple, William House  
Uses: Present Residential  
Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1800  
Source Butler's 1828-29 field notes

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Ell enlarged, late 20th c.

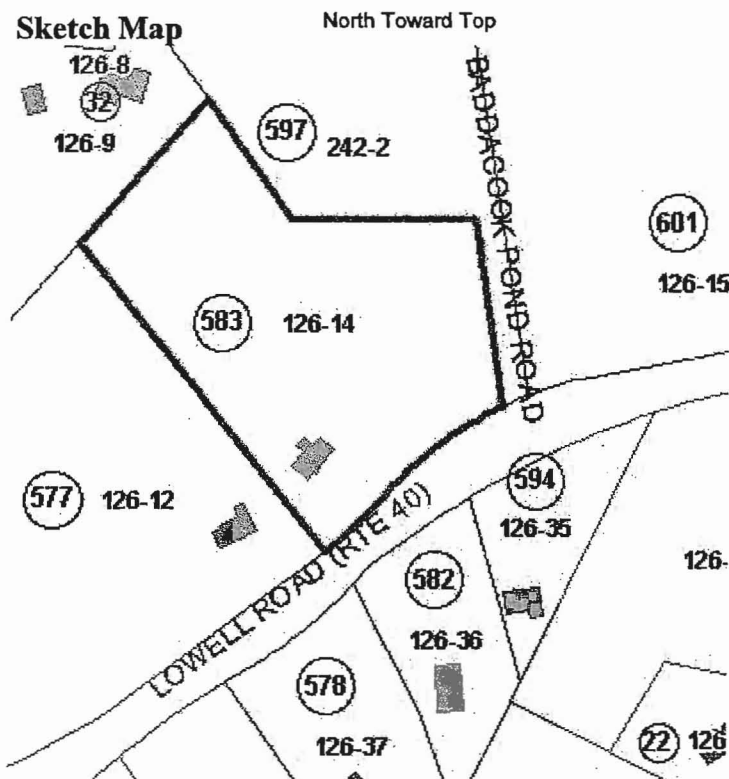
Condition Good

Moved no ☒ yes ☐ Date

Acreage 3.897

Setting Rural

### Sketch Map



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 Dalrymple House is a Federal style, 5x2-bay, side-gabled, 2 1/2-story building with a 1-story ell attached to the east side and a rear addition on the north
- \* Ornamental features include the corner boards, molded cornice, gable returns and symmetrical fenestration in the façade
- \* The south-facing center entry has a classical surround with a 5-pane transom, pilasters, architrave, frieze and cornice
- \* Windows are primarily 12/12 double-hung sash with plain trim although a 6/6 example exists in the east gable peak and in the ell which also contains some 1/1 modern sash
- \* The center brick chimney is typical of most others from the Federal period in Groton
- \* The house is located in a rural section of east Groton on state route 40 and appears to be relatively unaltered

### 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 Dalrymple House was probably built around the turn of the 19th century based on the architectural style and its appearance in its current form in Butler's 1828-1829 field notes. Members of the Dalrymple family to own the property included William from c. 1830 - 1847 and George W. Dalrymple from c. 1855 - c. 1889 according to maps and atlases from those years. The field notes taken by Caleb Butler in 1828-29 describe the house as yellow. Tax records show Mr. Dalrymple owned 75 acres, a horse and 1-3 cows. Non-population Census Schedules list George Dalrymple as the owner of a farm with a horse and 3 cows on 100 acres. Non-population Census Schedules from 1880 show he had 150 apple trees. Green notes in his history of the Groton Public Library (1891) that Willard Dalrymple, Esq. of Charlestown (d. 1884) left \$4,000, the interest of \$2,000 of which was to be used by the town to buy books for the public library and the remainder to be "applied by the overseers of the poor to the treatment of worthy American citizens of said town suffering disease of or injury to the eye". This may be the owner referred to in some records as William Dalrymple. The 1930 Groton map depicts Mabel Craven as the occupant. In 1939, the property was depicted as a farm with pasture and orchards.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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1832 and 1847 Butler maps and field notes; 1856 Walling map; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1939 WPA map; Previous GHS research; 1939 WPA map; Green, Vol. 4, p. 431; Tax records, 1830-1889; 1855, 1865 state census; 1930 Groton map; 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.

## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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**Property Address**

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583 Lowell Road



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Community Groton

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## National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

Individually eligible ☒ A

Eligible only in a historic district

Contributing to a potential historic district

Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of significance by: Sanford Johnson

*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

The Federal Style Dalrymple House at 583 Lowell Road is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as an individual resource at the local level. The Dalrymple House was probably built around the turn of the 19th century based on the architectural style and its appearance in its current form in Butler's 1828-1829 field notes. Members of the Dalrymple family to own the property included William from c. 1830 - 1847 and George W. Dalrymple from c. 1855 - c. 1889 according to maps and atlases from those years. The field notes taken by Caleb Butler in 1828-29 describe the house as yellow. Tax records show he owned 75 acres, a horse and 1-3 cows. Green notes in his history of the Groton Public Library (1891) that a relative, Willard Dalrymple, Esq. of Charlestown (d. 1884), left \$4,000, the interest of \$2,000 of which was to be used by the town to buy books for the public library and the remainder to be "applied by the overseers of the poor to the treatment of worthy American citizens of said town suffering disease of or injury to the eye". The building's associations with historic agricultural activity in Groton establish its significance under Criterion A. The design of the house's symmetrical façade, and surviving historic exterior materials make the property eligible under Criterion C. The house retains integrity of design, materials, setting and workmanship.