

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 116 12 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 177

Town Groton Center
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 80 Main Street
Historic Name Spaulding-Prescott House
Uses: Present Dormitory
Original Residence
Date of Construction c. 1846
Source Previous GHC Deed Research

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

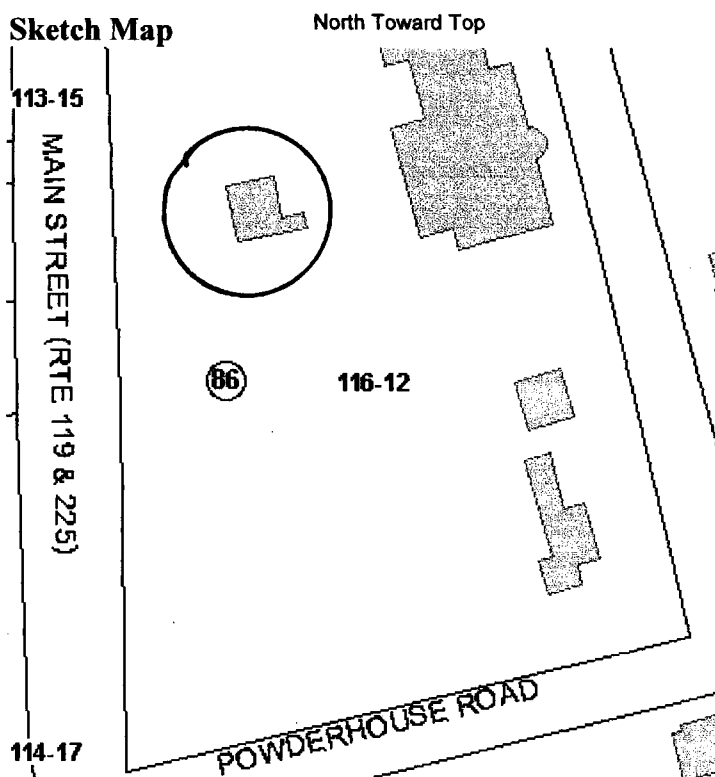
Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage Part of L.A. Campus

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

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Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

- * The house at 80 Main Street is a Greek Revival style 2 1/2-story, 5x4-bay, side-gabled form with a 2-story rear ell; Secondary masses include the open porch on the south side wall
- * Decorative features include the symmetrical fenestration in the façade, closed gable, corner boards, frieze and molded cornice
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with plain trim
- * The center entry has sidelights, an 8-pane transom, gradually peaked hood molding below a cornice and pilasters flanking the entry
- * The house occupies a site overlooking Main Street and is part of the Lawrence Academy campus, serving as a teacher housing; it is well-maintained and is of a typical scale compared to others in the Groton Center Area

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 initial owner of 80 Main Street was Stephen Stickney in 1847 and by 1875, it was labeled as the home of Mrs. M. Stickney, referring to Mehetable, Stephen's second wife. Mr. Stickney is listed as a 73 year old yeoman in the 1855 state census. By 1889, it was owned by Dr. Miles Spaulding, a physician and surgeon. Dr. Spaulding (1819-1896) was a trustee of Lawrence Academy from 1868 until his death, studied medicine in Townsend and Ashby, attended the Berkshire Medical Institution, graduating in 1842; worked in Lowell, Boston and Dunstable from 1843-1851, after which time he moved to Groton. He was a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society and the AMA. The historian Dr. Green noted that Dr. Stickney lived in the first house south of the academy grounds on Main Street. By 1921, the house was in its current configuration and had a detached auto house on the property that is no longer in existence. Edward and Mabelle Branigan were the owners at this time and Mrs. Branigan sold or bequeathed the house to Lawrence Academy in 1956, a time of significant expansion of the campus in an easterly direction. Resident Directories indicate Edward Branigan was a dentist.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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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; Dr. Green, Vol. ii, p. 32, Vol. iii, p. 33, 34; Vol. iv, p. 320, 404; 1855, 1865 state census

**** 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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