

# FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 113 8 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 348

Town Groton3  
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 140 Main Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Commercial

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1895

Source 1896 Sanborn map

Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard, wood shingle

Roof Slate shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Front corner porch addition, c. 1900

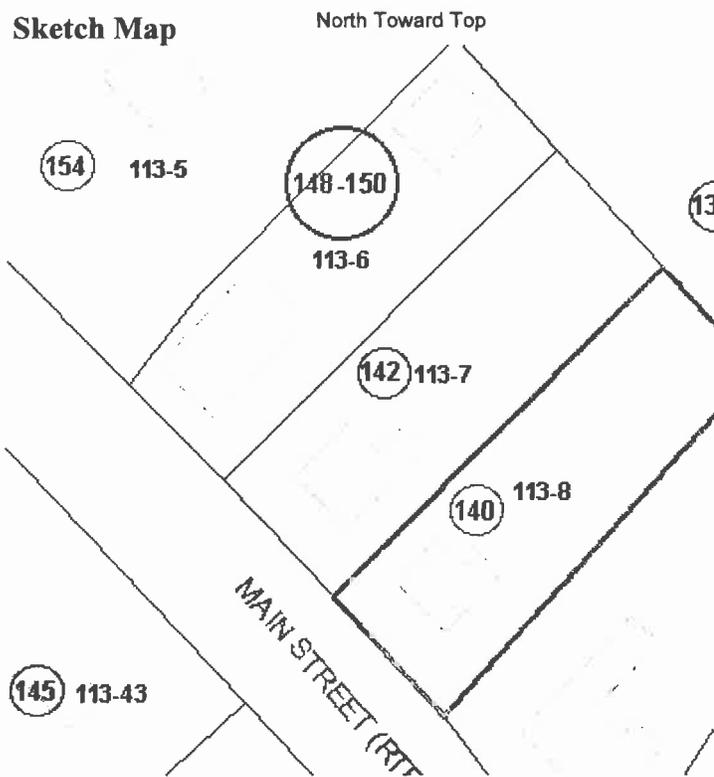
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Setting Town Center

## Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/08

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 140 Main Street is a Victorian Eclectic style, 2 1/2-story, cross-gabled, 3x3-bay form; differing foundation materials suggest additions have been made to the front at the corner of the L-shaped plan and at the rear
- \* Decorative features are the two different patterns of wall cladding which include sawtooth shingles and wood clapboards in alternating bands divided by stringcourses, the complex floorplan and molded cornice
- \* Windows appear in a variety of types including 16/16 double-hung sash in the façade, fixed multiple pane sash in the front addition and the north side, a Queen Anne sash in the north side, plus 9/9 and 8/8 varieties
- \* The front entry is in the front addition which now has plain trim and obscures the original doorway
- \* Two brick chimneys with ornamental corbels rise from near the roof peak
- \* The house occupies a small parcel in Groton Center and is one of a relatively small number of Victorian style houses among numerous Federal style buildings on this section of Main Street

### 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 site of the house at 140 Main Street was for most of the 19th century occupied by the blacksmith shop of Calvin Boynton who lived at 134 Main Street (MHC #10). The house at 140 Main Street first appears on historic maps in 1896 when it is depicted with its L-shaped plan and labeled a domicile. By 1901, the corner of the L-shaped plan is filled in with what appears to be the existing porch. On the Somes map of 1930, the house is owned by Mrs. H. K. Richards. This is the wife of Henry K. Richards who served on the Electric light Commission in 1909 when the Groton Electric Light Department building was erected and street lighting began. The Richards continued to live here until at least 1942 according to the Stanley map from that year which depicts the house with a full width front porch. The owner in the 1960s was Dr. John Eleftherio who had his office in the house.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Groton at 350, p. 106; 1930 Some map; Sanborn Fire Insurance maps; 1942 Scott Stanley Map reproduced in Frank's history of Lawrence Academy; Previous unascrbed Research, likely a GHC member;

**\*\* 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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