



## 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 Federal style house at 258 Main Street is a side-gabled, 5x2-bay, 2 1/2-story form with a 2-story ell projecting from the rear elevation; An additional block may have been a carriage bar and is attached to the rear or east wall; Decorative features consist of the symmetrical fenestration in the facade, classical surround at the center entry, molded cornice, corner boards and beaded window trim
- \* Windows are mainly 2/2 double-hung sash in the main block; Sidelights flank the center window in the second story; The rear of the second ell has 2 6/6 sash in the gable peak; The center entry has pilasters, entablature and a 1/2-length sidelights
- \* An off center brick chimney occupies the rear slope of the main roof
- \* The house is well-preserved and retains integrity of materials and design although the windows do not appear to be original
- \* The house occupies a parcel at the corner of Main Street and School Street at the northwest end of Groton Center

### 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 274 Main Street was built between the time of the publication of Caleb Butler's 1832 and 1847 maps. The initial owner was A. Shattuck. By 1856, the owner was P. Nutting, about whom little else is known. By 1875, the property, along with 8 School Street (MHC #412) were depicted as part of the Baptist Church (MHC #154,) property at 264 Main Street. The house was in use by the Baptist Society until at least 1930 according to the map of that year. By 1921, it was depicted on the Sanborn map as a domicile with an auto house.

### 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; 1896, 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; Butler's town history; Dr. Green; 1930 Somes map; Resident directories, 1918, 1929; 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**

**Town**  
Groton

**Property Address**

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

**Area(s)**  
**Form No.**



274 Main Street



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