

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 243 5 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 546

Town Groton3
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 685 Martins Pond Road

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential/agricultural

Date of Construction c. 1830

Source Caleb Butler 1829 field notes, 1832 map

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Large 19th c. detached barn

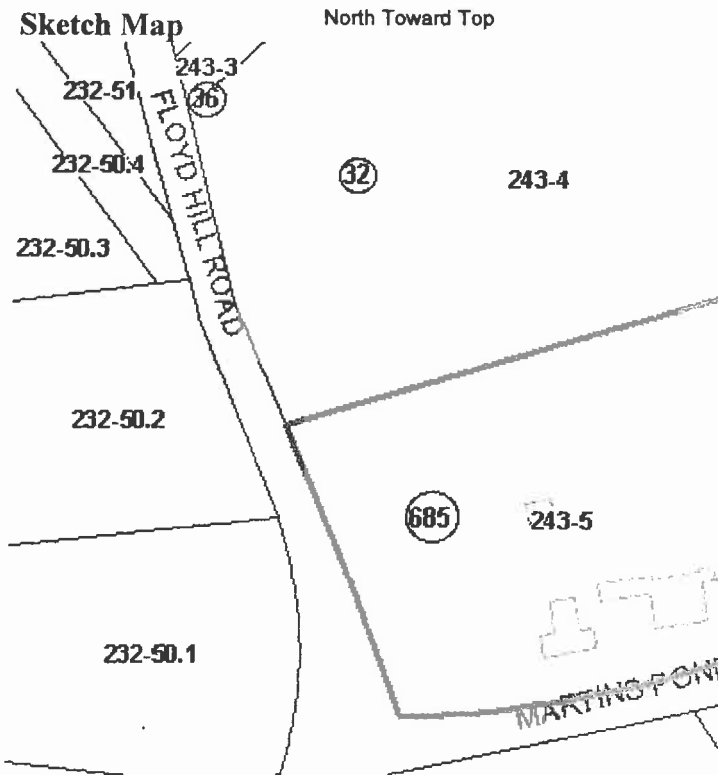
Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Fair

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 2.87

Setting Rural



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 685 Martins Pond Road is a side-gabled, 3x1-bay, 2 1/2-story form with a 2-story rear ell oriented perpendicular to the main block; an open shed porch covers the first story of the east elevation of the rear ell
- * Decorative features include the molded trim at the eaves, slightly peaked window hoods and symmetrical fenestration in the street elevation which does not contain an entry door; The main entry is through the east side of the ell and is covered by the porch
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash
- * The detached bank barn is a large wood clapboard building with a side gabled roof and attached cinderblock and wood frame addition on the west elevation; access is at grade on the south elevation facing the street and through rolling vehicle doors on the east gable end facing the house; window openings on the street elevation are unfenestrated; the east side addition has 2 vehicle openings without doors
- * The house and barn are in fair to good condition and are typical in scale and materials for Victorian Period farmhouses in Groton

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 first known owner of the property at 685 Martins Pond Road was Aaron Corey, although notes made in 1828-29 by the historian and surveyor Caleb Butler indicate the house had only one story and was 7 rods (143') back from the road, suggesting this was a predecessor building. However, Butler's 1832 map depicts the house immediately adjacent to the road which, combined with the vernacular Greek Revival style window hoods, suggests the house was built c. 1830. Mr. Corey was described by the Groton Historian Dr. Samuel Green as a veteran stage coach driver on the route to Boston. He was a "Careful and skilful driver, and a man of most obliging disposition...his specialty was to look after women and children committed to his charge. He carried also packages and parcels, and largely what to-day is intrusted to the express." His stage route was through Carlisle and Lexington, before which he drove the mail coach. Dr. Green expounds on the importance of stage drivers as carriers of local news and quotes an 1802 newspaper advertisement for a stage coach that left Boston at 4am and arrived in Groton at 3pm although other ads differ in the duration of the trip. Mr. Corey died in 1857 at the age of 73, having driven stages for 32 years. His son Calvin succeeded him at this work until the line was suspended in 1850 due to increasing rail travel. Aaron Corey's occupancy of the property is reflected on later maps from 1847 and 1856. . By the time of the 1889 Middlesex County atlas, W. A. Floyd was the owner. Little is known of Mr. Floyd although his relative Elizabeth "Ricky" Floyd was the owner by 1930 and she is recalled in "Groton at 350" as a stern gray haired woman of prodigious energy

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Dr. Green, Vol I, Chapter VIII, pp. 14-22; Butler map of 1832 and field notes from 1828-1829; 1870 federal census, agricultural schedules; "Groton at 350", pp. 141-142;

**** 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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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

Individually eligible X

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 Greek Revival Style Corey House at 685 Martins Pond Road is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as an individual resource at the local level. The house was built c. 1830 for Aaron Corey who was described by the Groton Historian Dr. Samuel Green as a veteran stage coach driver on the route to Boston. By 1875, the owner was Lawrence Pomeroy who is listed in the 1870 agricultural census schedule as owning 110 acres, a farm worth \$5000, a horse, 6 cows, 2 oxen and a pig. His crops were mainly rye, corn and oats. The farm remained in agricultural use until the 1930s according to maps drawn by the WPA in 1939. The building's associations with historic agricultural activity in Groton establish its significance under Criterion A. The design of the well-maintained house's symmetrical façade, Pedimented window hoods and the attached barn make the property eligible under Criterion C. The house retains integrity of design, materials and workmanship.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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