## FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # USGS Quad Form Number Area(s) 449

216-65

Address

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)

**Historic Name** Uses: Present Residential **Original** Residential

**Date of Construction** c. 1840

37 Nod Road

Source Butler's 1828-1829 field notes

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

**Exterior Material:** 

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Detached modern board and batten barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

North Toward Top Sketch Map Ç NOD ROAD

Recorded by Sanford Johnson

**Organization Groton Historical Commission** 

Date (month/year) 12/07

Condition

Moved no

■ Date

Acreage 3.17

Setting Rural, near Nashua River

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 Federal style house at 37 Nod Road's a side-gabled, 5x3-bay, 2 1/2-story form with a 1 1/2-story north side ell; The house is oriented perpendicular to the road; Decorative features consist of the symmetrical fenestration, classical surround at the center entry, closed gable, molded cornice, corner boards and beaded window trim; Open shed-roofed porches expand the plan at the west side of the ell and at the east elevation of the main block
- \* Windows are mainly 6/6 double-hung sash and are covered by wood storm windows
- \* Two brick chimneys occupy the ridges of the main roof and the ell roof
- \* The center entry has classical trim with entablature, sidelights and pilasters
- \* The detached barn is a modern building
- \* The house and barn are well-preserved and retain integrity of materials and design; the site is adjacent to the Nashua River to the north

#### 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.

Butler's 1832 map of Groton depicts this location, adjacent to a grist mill, as the residence of Enos Emery. Butler's field notes for the map describe only a 1 story house with 3 windows across the façade, indicating the building was built shortly after the notes were made in 1828-29. By 1847, the occupant was the J. P. Whitcomb and Company, about whom little is known but were likely involved in milling of some kind along the Nashua River. By 1856, John Mark Hollingsworth, owner of paper mills at West Groton, also owned this house and had a paper mill here (See 166 Kemp Street, MHC #118 and Hollingsworth and Vose Area Form ##). It is doubtful that Mr. Hollingsworth lived here given his absence from the 1888 resident directory. He likely lived in Boston and conducted business here or rented the building to employees. State census schedules from 1855 indicate many employees in the area including a mill wright, paper makers, laborers and the agent for the mill, James Harper. He died in 1865, the year he sold the house to his brother Lyman, also a paper manufacturer in Groton. The house remained in the family, serving either as a residence or offices, until c. 1889. By 1921, the building was in use as a house with a garage. The house was owned by the Nashua River Paper Corporation by 1930.

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

continuation sheet

1856 Walling map of Middlesex County; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1832 and 1847 Butler maps; Butler's 1829 field notes; 1939 WPA map; Federal census agricultural schedules, 1850-1880; Previous GHC Research; 1896, 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; Resident Directories, 1888, 1918, 1929; Butler's town history; May, "Groton Plantation", p. 77; Dr. Green, Vol 2, p. 439; 1930 Somes map; 1855, 1865 state census; 1855, 1865 state census;

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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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