## FORM B - Building

Massachusetts Historical Commission Massachusetts Archives Building 220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, Massachusetts 02125 Map and Lot # USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

Corey - Lancy House

c. 1720

Residential

Residential

81

229 30

Address

Source

**Historic Name** 

Uses: Present

Original

**Date of Construction** 

Town Groton

Place (neighborhood or village)

128 North Street

**GHS** estimate

### 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)

Style/Form Colonial North Toward Top Sketch Map Architect/Builder 225 **Exterior Material:** , 229-22 229-28 Foundation Fieldstone 229-26 Wall/Trim Wood clapboard 229-3 229-30 Asphalt shingle Outbuildings/secondary structure Detached shed 29 31 229 32 229-15 Major Alterations (with dates) Restored, mid 20th c. T 텒 Condition Good 1 229ves Date Moved no ✓ 229-48 Acreage 18.79 Recorded by Sanford Johnson Setting Rural

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 6/06

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.

- \* 128 North Street is a Cape Cod house of 5x2 bays and 1 1/2 stories; the plan is expanded at the east by a Beverly jog attached to a 1-story side-gabled shed that may be in use as a garage
- \* Details include the corner boards, pilasters flanking the simple center entry and the transom above the door; a secondary entry is in the jog and has beaded trim and a transom
- \* Windows are 6/9 double-hung sash with a combination of plain and beaded trim; a 6/9 sash lights the second story of the jog
- \* The shed is accessed by two pairs of swinging doors; the principal elevation is lit by a pair of 6/6 sash in the west side
- \* The center brick chimney has a corbelled top
- \* A small detached shed exists in the back yard and is clad in wood clapboards
- \* The house occupies a large wooded parcel, is in excellent condition and may have been the subject of a recent rehabilitation project given that the siding and windows appear to be new; an interior examination could reveal more detail about the early construction date

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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 128 North Street was built c. 1720 by unknown owners according to previous research and occupied from c. 1832-c. 1847 by William Corey who was taxed in 1830 and 1847 for ownership of a house worth \$400-\$450, a small amount commensurate with the scale of the building. Non-population Census Schedules from 1850 cofirm the scale of the farm at 49 acres. Butler says in his field notes that the house was old. A subsequent owner was H. Corey in 1856. This may have been Henry Corey, an expressman living in Groton Center in 1855. Thomas Lancy was the owner from c. 1875-c. 1889 and was taxed in those years for ownership of a horse, a cow, a pig, a house and a barn. Non-population Census Schedules from 1880 show he had 50 acres, a cow, cornfield and he sold 50 bushels of apples. Mr. Lancy's relative, the farmer W. H. Lancy lived here from c. 1918-c. 1930. The land around the farm was in pasture and timber according to the 1939 WPA map.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCE
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Previous research; 1832, 1847 Butler maps and field notes; 1856 Walling map; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1918 resident directory; 1939 WPA map; 1930 Groton map; Non-population Census Schedules;

\*\* 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.

### INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

**Town** Groton

**Property Address** 

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

Area(s) Form No.

### 128 North Street



Massachusetts Historical Commission

Massachusetts Archives Building 220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, Massachusetts 02125 Community Groton Property Address 128 North Street

Area(s)

Form No.

# 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:

XA B

XC D

Criteria considerations:

A

C

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D

E

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The Colonial Style house at 128 North Street is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as an individual resource at the local level. The house was built c. 1720 by unknown owners according to previous GHC research and occupied from c. 1832-c. 1847 by William Corey who was taxed in 1830 and 1847 for ownership of a house worth \$400-\$450, a small amount commensurate with the scale of the building. Butler says in his field notes that the house was old. A subsequent owner was H. Corey in 1856. This may have been Henry Corey, an expressman living in Groton Center in 1855. The building's early construction date and associations with agriculture establish its significance under Criterion A. The design of the symmetrical facade and diminutive scale of the Cape Cod form make the property eligible under Criterion C. The house retains integrity of design, materials, setting and workmanship.