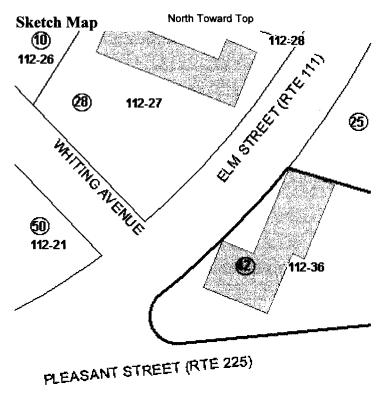
FORM B - Building

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

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.

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Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

Map and Lot # **USGS Ouad** Area(s) Form Number

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Town Groton

Place (neighborhood or village)

Groton Center

Address 42 Pleasant Street

Historic Name Hutchins House

Uses: Present Multiple residence

> Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1840

Source Estimate

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite

Wall/Trim Vinyl

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Attached 19th c. barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Re-sided, windows replaced, adapted for use as multiple residence, c. 1980

Condition Fair

ves Date Moved no ✓

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Setting Town Center

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 42 Pleasant Street is a side-gabled, 5x4-bay, 2 1/2-story building with evidence of Federal style design elements and Victorian additions, although the exterior has been re-sided, details removed and other changes carried out including the outer bays of the first story of the façade which are covered by 3-sided 2-story bay windows; the center entry and the center window above remain in place
- * Decorative features include the gable returns and molded cornice; other features may have been removed
- * The center entry retains its classical surround with pilasters and sidelights although some parts may be re-creations
- * Windows are modern 1/1 double-hung sash that appear to be modern replacements in some cases

The rear of the house is attached to the 19th century gable-roofed barn that is clad in board and batten but is also drastically altered

* The house is larger than some neighboring properties on Pleasant Street and is now in use as a rental property

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 owner of the house according to the 1847 Butler map was J. Simonds. By 1856, the occupant appears to be N. Davis (this conflicts with previous research which states S. Farnsworth was the occupant. He lived near 38 Pleasant Street). By 1875, the owner depicted on the Beers atlas was A. Wright This may have been Abijah (also spelled Alizah) Wright, former owner of the hotel located at the current site of 235 Main Street. He remained here until at least 1889 according to the atlas from that year. By 1918, the occupants were Mary and Clara Hutchins who remained here until at least 1930 according to the Somes map.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES	continuation sheet
	 COMMINGUICH SHOOL

Dr. Green; 1847 Butler map; 1856 Walling map; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1939 Somes Tercentenary map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; May, "Houses", pp. 61, 157; Previous GHC Research;

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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

Town Groton

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