

FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 112 86 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 412

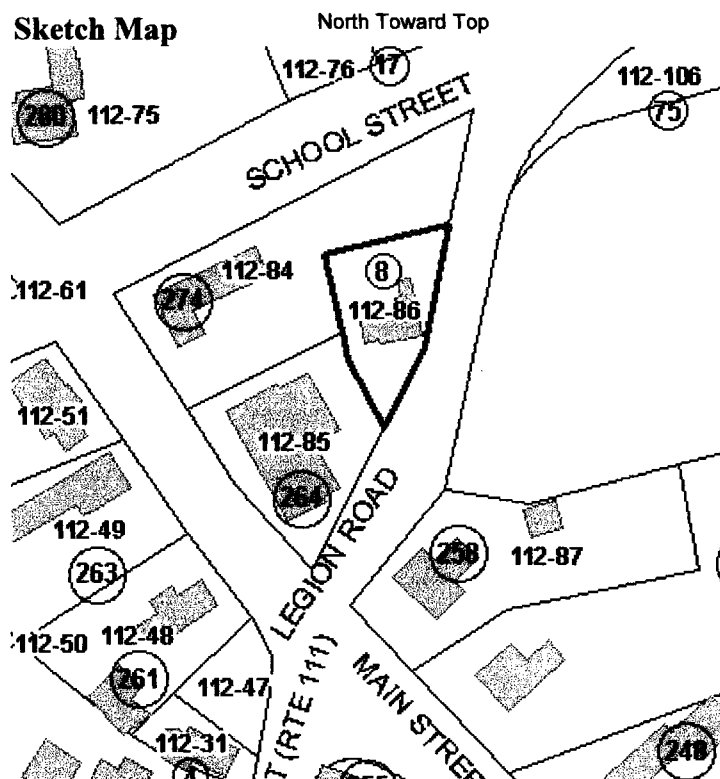
Town
Place (neighborhood or village)
Groton Center

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)

Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

Address 8 School Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1750

Source Estimate

Style/Form Colonial

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Additions to Colonial house, c. 1850

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage .18

Setting Town center

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

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.

- * 8 School Street is a 2 story Colonial style house with a side-gabled 3x1-bay block at the core; the plan is expanded at the east wall by a perpendicular ell of 2 stories with a 1-story rear addition and at the west by a 1-story gabled addition of 1 bay, all of which forms an L-shaped plan
- * Details include the corner boards, sidelights flanking the plain off-center entry and the low-pitched gabled hood above the door
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with plain trim
- * The sole brick chimney rises from the roof ridge of the east addition
- * The house occupies a small parcel adjacent to the former Baptist Church at 264 Main Street (MHC #154), is in good condition; The Colonial appearance suggests it is one of Groton Center's older homes; An interior examination could reveal more detail about the early construction date

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 house at 8 School Street appears to have been built during the Colonial Period judging by its form and details and may be depicted on the 1832 Butler map but is not labeled with an owner name. By 1847, it may have been owned by Daniel Shattuck. From c. 1875-c. 1889, it was owned by the Baptist Society whose church is next door at 264 Main Street (MHC #154). By 1921, it had been returned to residential use according to the Sanborn map of that year. The house is labeled "Baptist Tenement" on the 1930 map, suggesting its use was residential yet affiliated with the church.

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; 1939 WPA map; Federal census agricultural schedules, 1850-1880; Previous GHC Research; 1896, 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; Resident Directories, 1918, 1929; Butler's town history; May, "Groton Plantation", p. 77; Butler's town history; Dr. Green; 1930 Somes Map;

**** 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

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