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GROTON HISTORIC RESOURCES USERS'S GUIDE

The Groton Historic Resources Survey, paid for by the Groton Historical Commission and the Groton Community Preservation Committee in 2006-2007, contains information regarding many of the town's old buildings. The documentation consists mainly of architectural descriptions followed by historical narratives. The majority of the historical information is contained in the descriptions and narratives and so should be the starting point for people interested in a particular area or building. Information is organized onto the Massachusetts Historical Commission historic resource survey Form A for historic areas and MHC Form B for individual buildings. There are three areas: Groton Center, West Groton and Farmers Row. Approximately 90 individual resources were the subject of B Forms. The Phase 4 Final Report located at the beginning of the survey contains technical information about the procedures used in the survey but little in the way of historical documentation. The Final Report does contain a series of tables indicating which buildings were included in the survey. These are organized alphabetically by street name and numerically within each street. Additional documentation consists of National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement forms which are based directly on the information presented in the A Forms and B Forms.

While the consultant was the beneficiary of a great deal of assistance from Groton residents and employees of the GPL and Town Hall, all research is his own as are errors of fact and interpretation which surely crept into a document covering as interesting but complex a place as Groton.