

# FORM B - Building

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

Map and Lot # 113 59 USGS Quad Area(s) Y Form Number 424

Town Groton3  
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)

Address 20 Station Avenue

Historic Name Odd Fellows Hall

Uses: Present Fire Station

Original Odd Fellows Hall

Date of Construction 1915

Source Groton Landmark, February 27, 1915

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder Daniel H. Woodbury, architect

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Brick

Roof Rubber

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

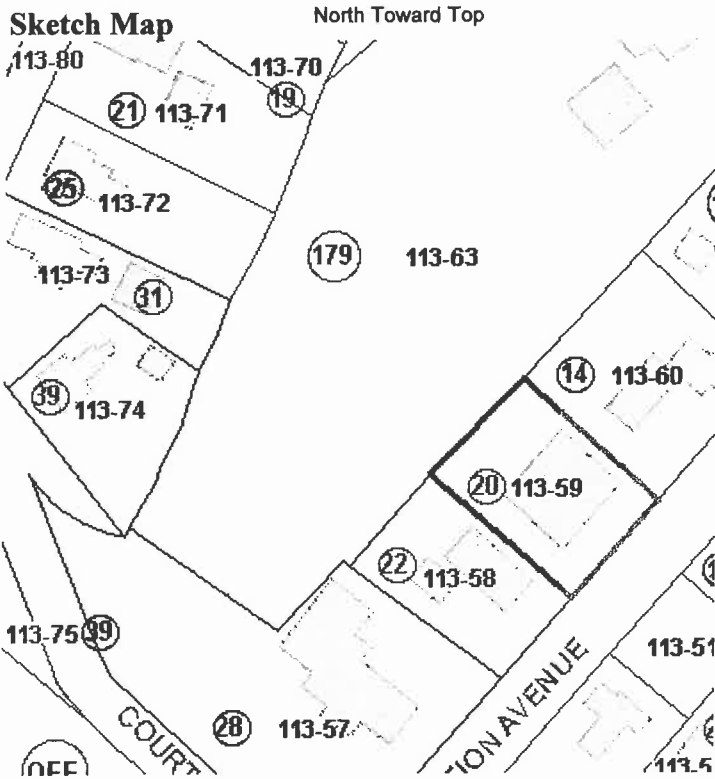
Adapted for use as a fire station, 1940; garage doors and truck bay added

Condition Fair

Moved no  yes  Date

Acreage less than 1

Setting Side street in town center



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/08

*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 2-story, 3x5-bay brick building has a low-pitched front-gabled form with elements of the Colonial Revival and Panel Brick styles; A 1-story addition of 2 bays has been made on the northeast side
- \* Details include the prominent molded cornice and closed pediment, spandrel panels below the second story windows that have raised limestone panels within, first-story corner quoins rendered in brick and a slightly recessed panel framing the second story of the façade
- \* Windows appear to be modern replacement double-hung sash that have limestone sills and lintels; the lunette in the gable peak has a limestone sill and brick arched top
- \* Access is through a pedestrian door and two overhead doors in the main block and two additional overhead doors in the 1-story addition; overhead doors may have been a later alteration
- \* The former Odd Fellows Hall is in fair condition and has been significantly altered with the addition of vehicle bays, new sash and modern bay on the northeast

### 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 International Order of Odd Fellows had been meeting in Groton since 1908 according to the authors of "Groton at 350". After fire destroyed the previous meeting hall in February of 1915, the group hired the architect Daniel H. Woodbury of Boston to design a new brick building. Mr. Woodbury (1893-1936) also had a residence in nearby Littleton and had worked on the Unitarian Church there in 1905. The current building was built of hollow tile faced with brick and limestone trim. According to contemporary accounts, the first floor included a kitchen and was to be rented for social gatherings. The second floor served as the Lodge Room and retains this appearance today with the stage in the rear of the hall and an otherwise open plan. The building was in use by late September, 1915 according to the Groton Landmark newspaper. Alterations in 1940 allowed for its current use as a fire station, one of three in Groton.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Groton Landmark, February 27, September 25, 1915; Boston City Directory, 1905; "Groton at 350" , p. 99;

**\*\* 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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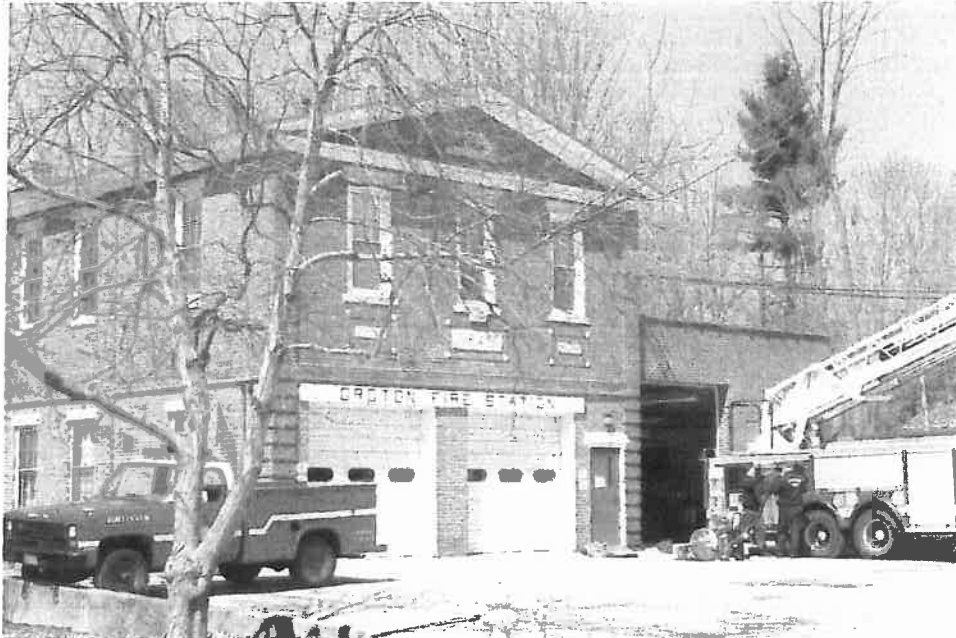
**INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET**

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20 Station Ave., Former Odd Fellows Hall, Current Fire Station