

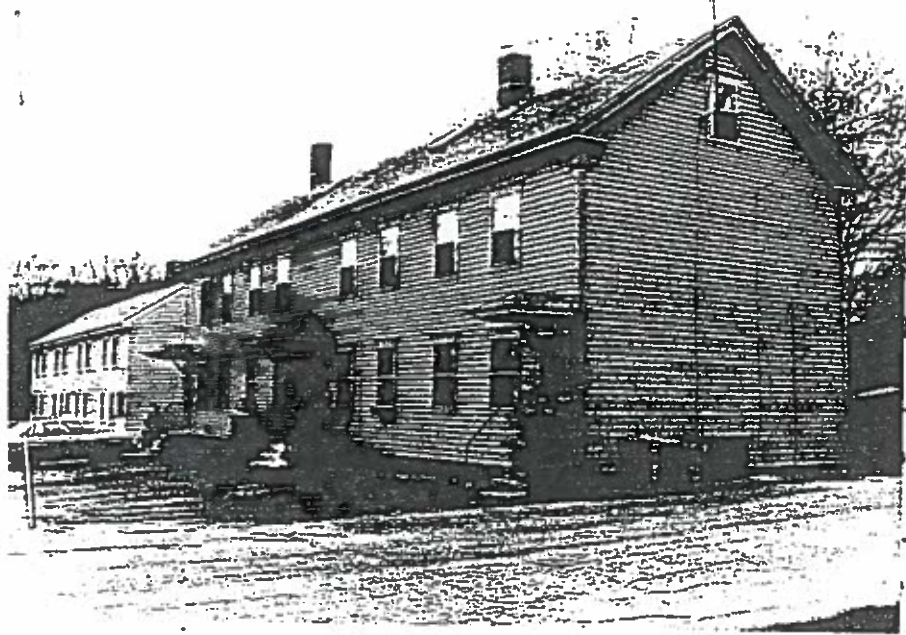
AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
10 BOYLSTON STREET

Town GRAFTON

Street Name Park Court

Addresses (inclusive) 2, 4



DESCRIPTION

Approximate Date or Period ca. 1850's

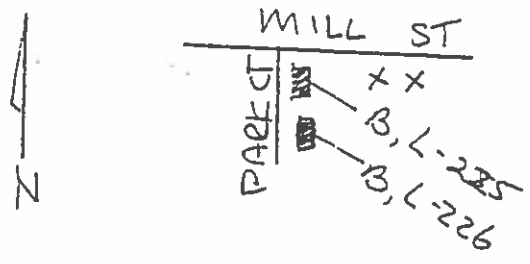
Dominant Architectural Styles vernacular

Other Intrusions see p. 3

Alterations see p. 3

Acres less than one acre

Sketch Map: Draw map of street, clearly showing all buildings; indicate street addresses for all buildings; identify intrusions. Indicate north.



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Map REFERENCE _____

Parcel 27-26 (#2);
27-24, (#4)

GS QUADRANGLE _____

SCALE _____

Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization for Grafton Hist. Comm.

Date June, 1990

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other streetscapes within the community.

These two four-unit, 2 1/2-story houses, are nearly identical in form to those at #s 1 through 7 Second Street. This pair was built first, however, in either the 1850's or '60's, (1857 map evidence is ambiguous in this location.) Like the four on Second Street, they have paired ridge chimneys, eight windows on the facades, and four entries--two in the center of the house, and one at each end of the facade. The hip-roofed door canopies at #2 are undoubtedly additions of the early twentieth century. Both foundations are dressed granite, with some brick at #4. The buildings are not quite identical in size. #2 is slightly larger, and better preserved, retaining its clapboards, 6-over-6-sash windows with molded crowns, and narrow-board trim. No outbuildings remain. (Cont.)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain historical importance of streetscape and how the streetscape relates to the development of the community.

These "four-tenement blocks" were built for workers at the upper mill, probably between 1854 and 1857, the years that the Grafton Manufacturing Co. carried on business at the upper mill. Their construction undoubtedly reflects the expansion of the cotton mill operations by the new company.

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