

FORM B – BUILDING

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73-011	Sandwich		SDW.211
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Town/City: Sandwich

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): Sandwich Center

Photograph



Address: 6 Grove Street

Historic Name: Bartley, Benjamin House; "Bendora"

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1888

Source: Tax Assessor, Bartley family

Style/Form: Carpenter Gothic

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: brick

Wall/Trim: clapboard

Roof: ridge

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: excellent

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .51

Setting: Sandwich Center is the most densely developed part of the town, where excellently preserved, fine and typical, 18th century, 19th century and a few early 20th century buildings convey its history. The buildings include dwellings, churches, commercial blocks, and town buildings. This house is almost directly across from the historic Sandwich Town Hall. Across Grove Street, is the Town Cemetery established in 1663. Also nearby is a restored historic grist mill.

Locus Map



Recorded by: D. Bayley

Organization: Sandwich Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): Aug / 2011

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This is a 2 1/2-story house with an elaborate interpretation of Victorian style including a cross gable pavilion, angled porches, cut away corners, and paired windows. Other features include balustrades, balconies, faux balconies, coin-block trim and bull's eye moldings. There is a central entrance flanked by two porches.

Other buildings in the community with similar styling are 5 Water Street (SDW.241) which illustrates an adaptation of the traditional 5 bay, flank gable roof dwelling form. Two fine examples of Italianate villas stand at the Isaiah Jones House. 165 Main Street (SDW.256), with its handsome period Stable, and at 168 Main Street (SDW.229).

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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.

#6 Grove street was built in 1888 by Benjamin Gibbs Bartley (born June, 1857) and presented as a gift to his new wife, Theodora. They named it "Bendora," derived from their names: Benjamin and Theodora. They were married on October 3, 1888. The family has original documents including a deed recorded on 14 June 1888 and receipts for framing, nails and brick purchased from local lumber suppliers on 16 June, 1888.

Around this time, Bartley owned a dry goods store on Jarves Street in the Town Center. There is a photo of the store on page 403 of *Sandwich, A Cape Cod Town* by Russell Lovell.

In 1907 Benjamin G. Bartley was a Trustee and one of 16 founders of the Sandwich Historical Society.

In the 1920 Federal Census Bartley is listed as follows:

Age: 62; Occupation: Retail Merchant, Dry Goods Store; Place of Abode: Grove St., Sandwich; wife: Theodora (age 59); son: Hastings Newcomb Bartley (age 27), entomologist U.S. Gov't; Father's Place of Birth: New Hampshire. His next-door neighbors on Grove St were Rebecca R. Newcomb and her niece, Martha who was a primary school teacher. Neighboring #8 Grove Street was known as the Newcomb Tavern. It was established in the 1700s and was the first inn to open in Sandwich. In the time of the Revolution it was known to be headquarters for the Tories. Bartley married a Newcomb: Caroline Theodora.

Benjamin Bartley died on January 24, 1930. His wife died in the same year on April 1st. Both are buried at Bay View Cemetery in Sandwich.

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