

FORM B - BUILDING

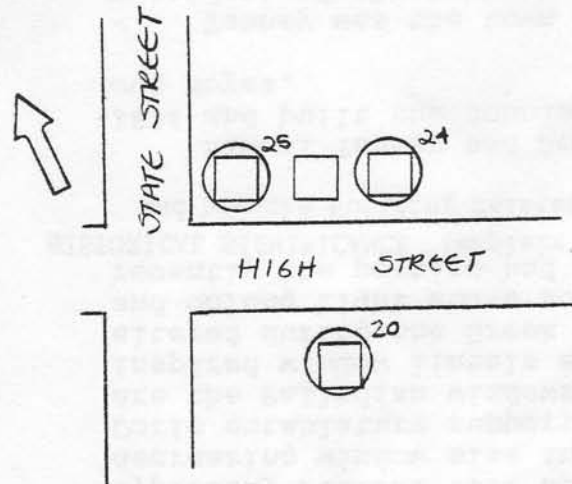
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
 Address 102-104 High Street
 Historic Name Tenny-Noyes House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Samuel Tenney and John M. Noyes

Location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:
 Date 1807
 Source Hale, "Old Newburyport Hses"
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) doors altered, addition at rear (dates unknown) balustrade above portico removed (1970's)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 11,680 sq. ft.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 8-11-80

Setting on Newburyport's main thoroughfare noted for its excellent examples of domestic architecture dating from the Colonial period through the early 20th Century.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house is an elegant Federal double house which retains nearly all of its original architectural detail. The house has a typically Federal form of three stories with hipped roof and decreasing window size in the upper floors. The entrance portico with Doric entablature supported by Roman Doric columns is exceptional as are the Palladian windows above. The mutuled cornice and classically inspired window lintels are also worthy of note. The doorways were altered during the Greek Revival period and today they have the sidelights and oblong light above so typical of the Greek Revival style. Until very recently the portico had an excellent Federal balustrade quite similar

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history (cont.) and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Samuel Tenney and John M. Noyes purchased this parcel of land in 1806 and built the double house shortly thereafter. Tenney then bought out Noyes.

Tenney was the town Treasurer in 1811 and 1812. He was vice-president of the Sabbath School and Trait Society organized to distribute religious tracts and give religious instruction to children. He was a member of the Merrimack Fire and Marine Insurance Company. He was secretary of the Institution for Savings. Tenney owned an interest in several vessels including the Schooner "Nancy" built in 1785.

In 1851 Moses Davenport owned one half of the house and Mrs. Phinias Parker owned the other. Davenport was a prominent merchant and with his brother Anthony, was one of the proprietors of Newburyport's famed Wolfe Tavern.

In 1872 the eastern half of the house was owned by Mrs. Joshua Aubin and 104 High Street was owned by the Old South Church and was used as the parsonage.

In this century the house has been owned by Mrs. Charles H. Coffin, and Ruth E. Brewster among others.

Today the house has six dwelling units.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 24
Property Name: Tenny-Noyes House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below. ^{102-104 High Street}

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

to that at 96 High Street.

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