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Newburyport

156-162 High Street

oric Name

Original Residence

Present Residence

Relationship: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1850

Source 1851 Map of Newburyport

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) roof

dormers added, fenestration altered

(dates unknown)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 7,930 sq. ft.

Setting across from the Bartlett Ma

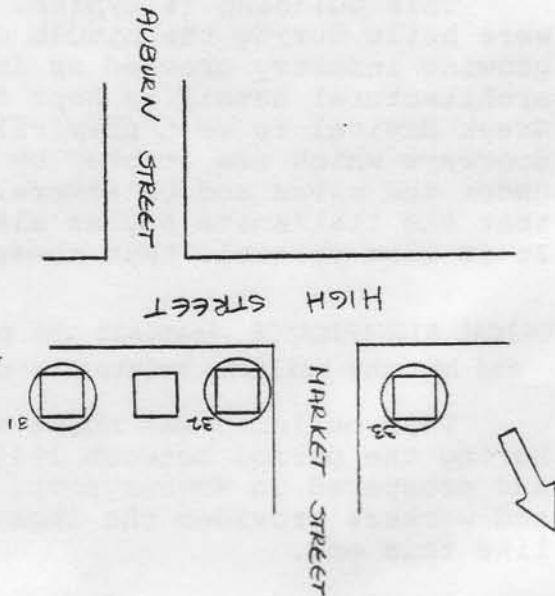
and the Court House designed by Cha

Bulfinch on Newburyport's main

residential thoroughfare.

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

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

This building is typical of the multiple family residences that were built during the middle of the nineteenth century as Newburyport's growing industry created an increased demand for housing. The architectural detail is kept to a minimum. The influence of the Greek Revival is seen primarily in the heavy entablature over the doorways which are flanked by Greek Doric pilasters. There are brackets under the eaves and on several of the second story windows. This shows that the Italianate styles also influenced the builder of this house. It is also possible that these brackets are a slightly later addition.

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

This building was built about 1850 probably, as a speculative venture. During the period between 1840 and 1875 the textile industry developed and prospered in Newburyport. The need for housing for mill agents and workers provided the impetus for the building of many buildings like this one.

By 1872 this structure had been divided between four individual owners. Charles J. Noyes, Jr. owned 156 High St. Noyes was a machinist. Another one of the owners was Joseph B. Creasey. Creasey was a painter and dealt in paints, oils and glass. His shop was located at 3 Water Street. He lived at 148 High Street, today number 158.

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