

Samuel Brown House - 19 Fair Street - Newburyport

Greek Revival; Italianate home

circa 1855

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE



This two story home with a low pitch hipped roof, is an interesting example of the late Greek Revival style. It has 5 bays across both stories, with a porch, supported by simple columns and pilasters over the front entrance. The door is flanked by sidelights and a transom light. Although the overall geometry and proportions are reminiscent of the Italianate style, gaining popularity at the time this home was built, the pared-down simplicity of this building is typical of the Greek Revival aesthetic.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Captain Samuel Brown died at his home on Fair street, March 3rd, 1893, after an illness of many months.

Samuel Brown was born at Deer Isle, Maine, in 1814, and was 79 years at his death.

He came to Newburyport as a young man and followed the sea for an occupation. He commanded several vessels in the coasting trade and was considered an expert seaman.

He retired from the sea, around 1879, and became an

antique furniture dealer, and his house was ever after a museum and people from all over the world were his customers.

Captain Brown was the last of the 12 sea captains that came from Deer Isle to Newburyport. He was a member of the Old South Church.