

FORM B - BUILDING

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Boston, MA 02108

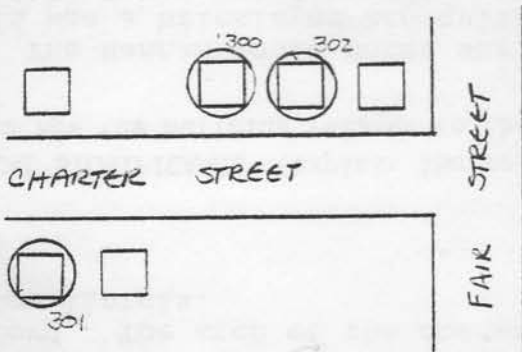


City Newburyport
 Address 23 Charter Street
 Historic Name Hannah Gould House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner John E. Gould

Draw map showing property location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1810
 Source Currier, "Ould Newbury"
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) several additions on western side.
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 5,778 Sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area adjacent to the central business district.



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

This house is a fine example of the Federal style. The house is unusual in that the facade is three bays rather than five. The building is three stories and has a hipped roof. Exceptional Federal features include the splayed window lintels with keystones and the semi-circular fanlight above the front door. The fanlight has delicate tracery. The arch of the doorway has a keystone like that seen in the window lintels.

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

The Hannah Gould House was built by John T. Gould about 1810. Gould was a bricklayer and quite possibly designed his own home. In 1813, Gould was forced to sell the house to David Peabody. Benjamin A. Gould, John's son, purchased the building in 1815.

Benjamin Gould was the principal of the Boston Latin School and was in an East India importing business. Before 1851, Hannah T. Gould became the owner of this house. Hannah Gould was a local poet of considerable note. She lived in the house until her death in 1865 at which time her heirs sold the property to Anna, Susan, and Sophionia Balch.

In 1884 the house was owned by G. W. Snow. Snow was a doctor who started a practice in Newburyport in 1866. In 1924, George B. Merrill of the Merrill Construction Company was the owner of the property.

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