

FORM B - BUILDING

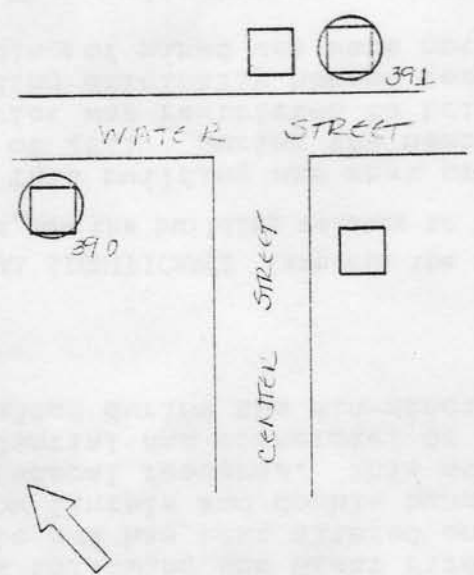
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 100 State Street, Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 30-32 Water Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use: Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1815-1825  
 Source \_\_\_\_\_  
 Style Federal  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Brick  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) porch added on northwest side, additions at rear (dates unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 12,628 sq. ft.  
 Setting in area of mixed residential and commercial uses along the banks of the Merrimack River adjacent to the Market Square commercial district.

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

This building is Federal in style and probably dates from the years following the Great Fire of 1811. The form of this building is simple and has been altered on several occasions. The splayed window lintels and double hung window sash with six over six lights are Federal features. This structure was possibly built for a mixed residential and commercial or utilitarian uses. The Greek Revival porch was added during the mid-nineteenth century.

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 most probably built shortly after the Great Fire of 1811. During the next twenty years building within this district was restricted to brick or stone. It is possible that this building originally housed residential and commercial uses. Such buildings of mixed use were not uncommon.

The earliest owners of this building have yet to be documented. In 1851 it was owned by Mrs. Griffith and Eben Jewett. Jewett was a partner in the firm Jewett and Coffin blacksmiths, located at 17 Liberty Street.

The title of this building is conveyed in two deeds, a common practice in Newburyport. As a result only half of the building was painted at one time. Today the building has three dwelling units.

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