

FORM B - BUILDING

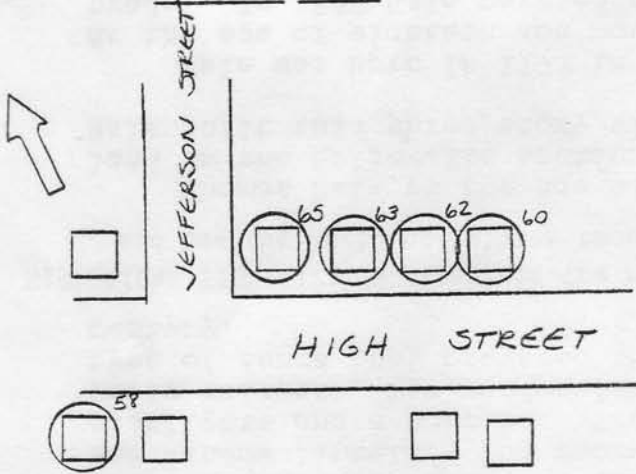
Area A	Form no. 60
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
Address 348 High Street
Historic Name Hale-Kinsman House
Original Residence
Present Residence
Ownership: Private individual
Private organization
Public
Original owner Thomas Hale

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



DESCRIPTION:
Date 1800
Source Historical Survey Associates
Style Federal
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
Outbuildings Barn
Major alterations (with dates) addition
at rear (1906)
Moved _____ Date _____
Approx. acreage 33,700 sq. ft.
Setting on Newburyport's main
thoroughfare noted for its excellent
examples of domestic architecture
dating from the Colonial period through
the early 20th century.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
Organization Office of Community
Development
Date 8-17-80

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

This house is one of the fine Federal homes built along High Street during the early years of the nineteenth century. The house has the typical Federal form of three stories with hipped roof and small square windows in the third floor. The house has several notable features including the classically inspired cornice moulding and window lintels. The doorway is Federal in style with flanking sidelights and a portico. The portico is pedimented and is supported by Doric columns. The wooden fence with urns is an excellent example of the type of fence that predated the cast iron fences of 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)

Thomas Hale, at the age of twenty-four, purchased three lots of land in the Belleville section of Newbury. This happened in 1797 and Hale built this three story within three years.

Hale was born in 1773 in Plaistow, New Hampshire. He was orphaned at the age of eighteen and moved to Newbury. Hale learned the Hatter's trade. In 1800 Hale married and moved into his new home. Hale built a hat factory on his property but his interests were not limited to that alone. Hale was also involved in shipping and in 1806 he owned one eighth of the ship "Edwin." He also served as Newbury's town treasurer and was for many years a justice of the peace.

Hale married twice and his second wife Mary Little lived in this house until 1871, long after the death of her husband in 1836. After Mrs. Hale's death the house passed into the hands of Captain Joshua Hale and later to his grandson Joshua Hale. Joshua Hale died in 1915 leaving the house to his wife Florence Gould Hale.

In 1822 Edith C. Kinsman purchased the Hale house. Mrs. Kinsman's husband William was an executive with the Newburyport silversmith firm, Towle Manufacturing Company. He retired as president of the company in 1958. Mrs. Kinsman died in 1963 and her death was followed by that of her husband the next year.

At that time the house was sold to John T. Leary the present owner.

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