

FORM B - BUILDING

Area A	Form no. 66
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 363 High Street

Historic Name Old Men's Home

Original Home for Aged Men

Present Home for Aged Men

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization Nbpt. Society for the Relief of Aged Men
 Public

Original owner Nbpt Society for the Relief of Aged Men

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1896

Source Currier, "History of Nbpt."

Style Georgian Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) Front door altered and porch added (20th century)

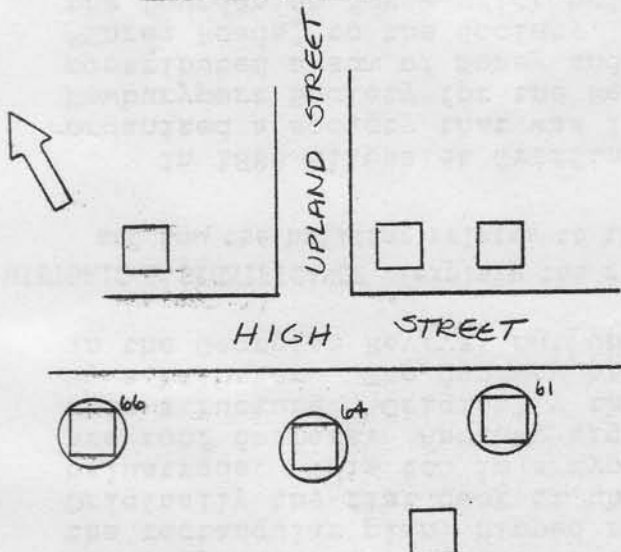
Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 1.55 acre

Setting on Newburyport's main thoroughfare noted for its excellent examples of domestic architecture

dating from the Colonial period through the early 20th century.

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



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

This building is a good example of the Georgian Revival in Newburyport. It has several features typical of the style including the rectangular plan, hipped roof, and use of Palladian window. Originally the flat deck at the roof's ridge was surrounded by a balustrade. This too is a typical feature of the Georgian Revival as are roof dormers. Another significant alteration has been made to this structure. Originally the front porch area was surrounded simply by a baluster. The doorway had a classical portico an unusual feature in the Georgian Revival but one that did occur.

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

In 1886 Eliphalet Griffin and several other Newburyport citizens organized a society that was incorporated under the name of the Newburyport Society for the Relief of Aged Men. In 1890 Griffin contributed a sum of money and a lot of land in the vicinity of the "Three Roads" to the Society. In 1896 he built at his own expense the foundation for a brick building completed several years later by the trustees.

In 1902 four aged men were admitted to the home. The building has contributed to the care of Newburyport's elderly residents since that date.

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