

FORM B - BUILDING

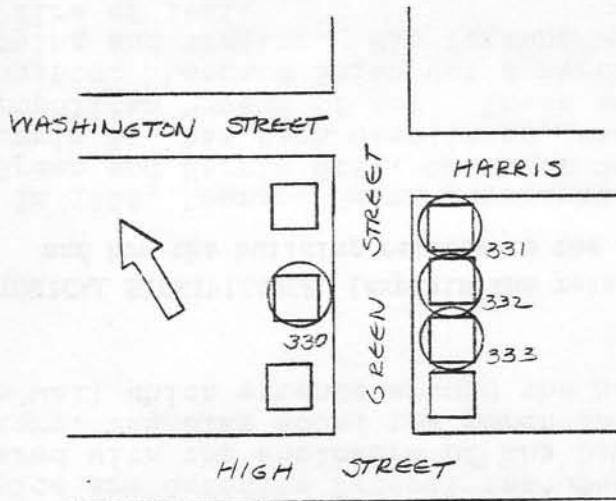
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 100 State Street, Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 41 Green Street  
 Historic Name Leonard Smith House  
 Original Residence Residence  
 Present Multiple residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Leonard Smith

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



DESCRIPTION:  
 Date c. 1805  
 Source J. J. Currier, History of Newburyport

Style Federal  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Brick  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) Converted apartments (1977), doorway altered porch added (1930's)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 10,050 sq. ft.

Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Setting Building is set back about 20 feet from Green St. in an area of fine 19th Century domestic architecture, presently occupied by a mixture of residential and commercial uses. The Immaculate Conception Church and school are adjacent to the street.

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

This three story brick home is typical of the domestic architecture of the upper class, built in Newburyport during the Federal period. The building's symmetrical form and minimized hip roof is characteristic of the Federal style. Though the detail in the house is simple, the window surrounds and dentil cornice are definite Federal features. The doorway to the house has been altered with the enclosure of the Doric entrance porch during the late 19th century. The Elks added the porch on the Harris St. side of the house. The stone wall which extends around the house was also built by the Elks.

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

In 1805, Leonard Smith purchased a lot of land on the southwest corner of Green and Harris Sts., on which he built two brick houses. The second at 5 Harris St. has been demolished, and interior details were acquired by the Metropolitan Museum of Art. These are currently in the deYoung Museum in San Francisco. Leonard Smith was a merchant with interests in Newburyport's shipping and trading. His fortune was devastated by the Embargo of 1807 and the fire of 1811.

In June, 1812, Andrew Frothingham brought suit against Smith for a debt of \$500.00. As settlement, he received the deed of the house and land on the corner of Green & Harris Sts. The deed was signed and delivered by Sheriff Philp Bagley on July 22, 1816.

Andrew Frothingham was a merchant in Newburyport making claim for compensation to the government after his vessel the schooner Speedwell, was confiscated by privateers during war between France and England. He served as representative to the General Court between 1805 and 1811. In 1794, he was one of the incorporators and proprietors of the Newburyport Woolen Manufactory, said to be one of the earliest in the country.

Andrew Frothingham owned this house until his death in 1833 when the property was left to his son Henry. Henry was an agent for the Newburyport Marine Insurance Co., an incorporator of the Merchants National Bank. In 1830, he was elected selectman. He was on the Committee to present a petition to the General Court for a City Charter in 1851. In 1864, after her husband's death, Jane Frothingham sold the land to Ebenezer Sumner, a partner in the firm Sumner, Swasey and Currier. In 1904 the property was acquired by Edward P.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 331
Property Name: 41 Green Street Leonard Smith House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Shaw, Fred L. Atkinson and Henry J. Downer, trustees for the Newburyport Lodge, No. 909, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. The building was sold by the Elks in 1977. At that time, it was converted to a multiple family dwelling.

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