

Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Building

Town Newburyport

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 6 Green Street

Historic Name Police Station

Uses: Present Police Station

Original Police Station

Date of Construction 1912

Source Newburyport Daily News, October 19, 1912

Style/Form Georgian Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Brick/Concrete

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) 1996 - renovation and expansion

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 27405 SF (includes City Hall)

Setting central business district, to north of City Hall

Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Newburyport Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 1999

BUILDING FORM (6 Green Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Constructed in 1912, the Newburyport Police Station is an excellent example of the Georgian Revival style. The symmetrical brick building displays a facade which is seven bays wide and is capped by an asphalt-shingled hip roof. Brick quoining embellishes the corners of the building and outlines the central broken pediment pavilion which is a single bay wide. Horizontal divisions are provided by a molded stone beltcourse, a brick course of stretchers between the first and second floor and a bold modillion cornice. All of the first floor windows contain rectangular 8/8 replacement sash with simple flat arch brick lintels and stone sills. The second floor windows contain 8/8 sash capped by lunettes with stone sills, springblocks and keystones. The center entrance is set below the first floor and displays an eared stone surround with central keystone. The entrance contains double multi-light doors with a multilight transom. Above the door surround, consoles support a full entablature with a plain tablet mounted above. A raised stone circle is set in the pediment above the second floor window.

To the southwest a two-story quoined connector links the original building with a hip-roofed garage setback at the rear. Along Green Street to the north of the main building is a new addition which is three-bays wide with a garage door on the lower level. A narrow gabled recess dominated by a two-story arched multilight window marks the transition from the original to new construction. On both additions care has been taken to echo the distinguishing characteristics of the original building including the height, roof profile, brickwork, cornice, watertable and windows.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Newburyport's new Police Station and Court Room was constructed in 1912, on the site of the Titcomb house, a c.1680 saltbox which was moved to Ipswich. The police station had previously been located in the Market House since 1854.

The new Police Station was constructed at a cost of \$40,000. The City Report of 1911 indicates that the architect (unspecified) received \$666.96. The contractors for the building were the Cashman Brothers of Newburyport. As described in an article published at the completion of the new building, the foundation is cement, the walls and partitions are of sandstruck brick, all the flashings are copper and the interior is finished in brown ash with birch and maple floors. As originally constructed the marshal office, roll call room and twelve cells were on the first floor with a locker room in the basement and the police court on the upper floor.

In 1996 major additions were made to the building.

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

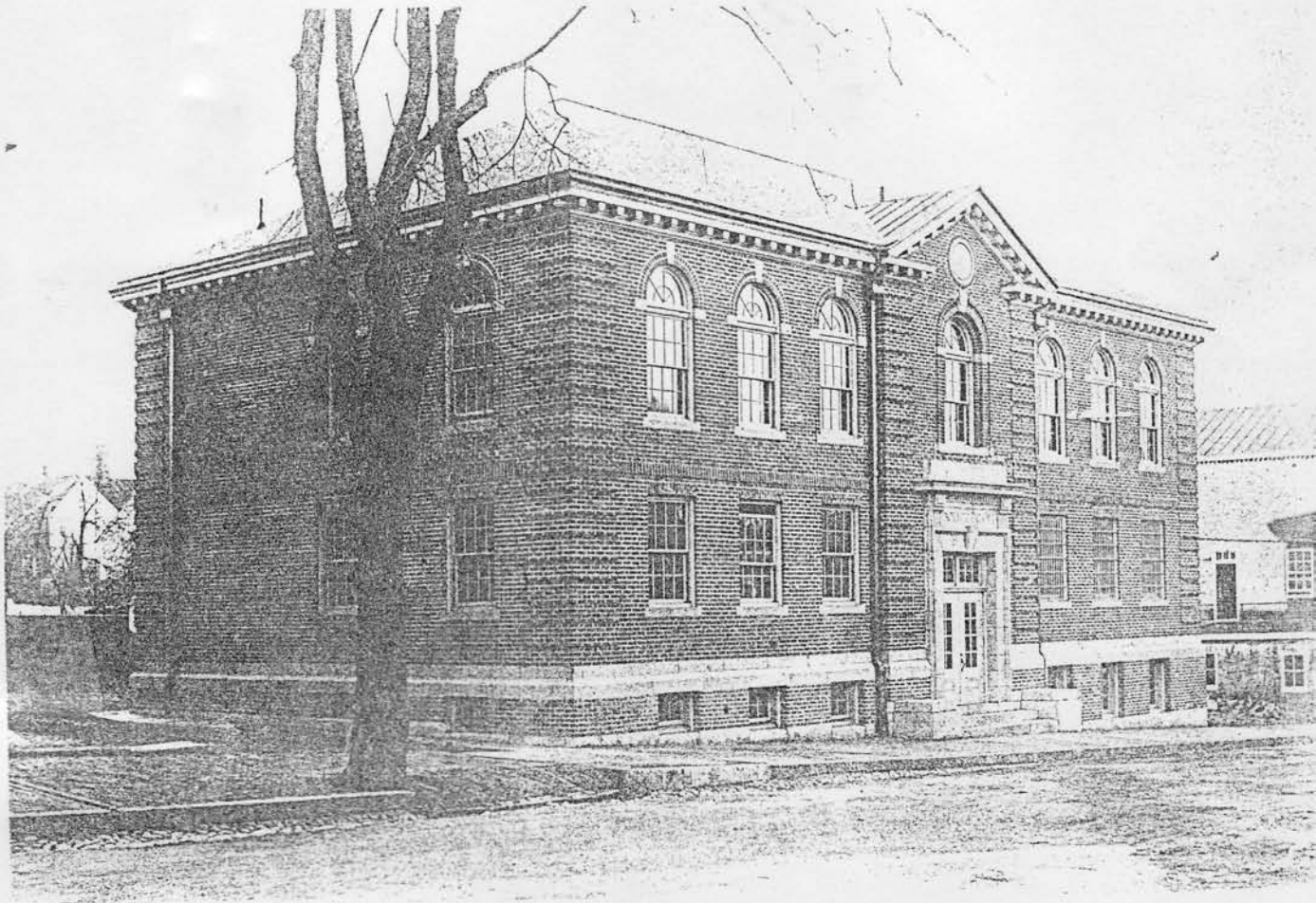
INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Newburyport

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6 Green Street
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