

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 61 Bromfield Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use: Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1810

Source Building fabric

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards, siding

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

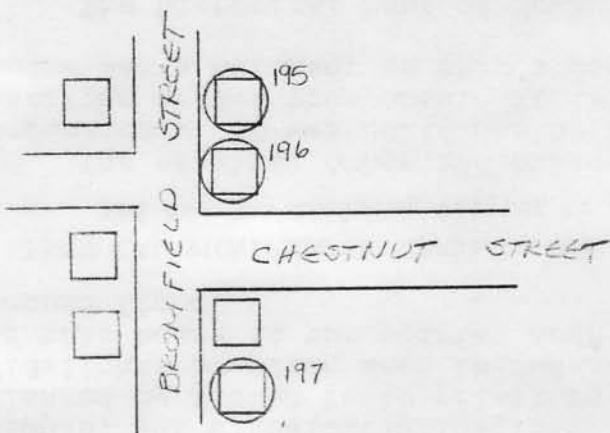
Approx. acreage 4,329 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area in

which the predominant building type

is that of vernacular single family

dwellings built during the second half of the nineteenth century.



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

This is one of the earlier houses in a primarily mid and late nineteenth century residential area. The house is a good example of the Federal square house built throughout Newburyport at the turn of the nineteenth century. The house is three stories in height with a hipped roof and decreasing window size in the upper floors. The cornice is simple, yet classically inspired. The front entrance is unusual. It is flanked by fluted Ionic pilasters but it is lacking the fanlight and sidelights so often seen in Federal houses. Another interesting feature of this house is the pointed arch louvre over the central bay window on the second floor.

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

The original owner and builder of this structure has yet to be documented. It was built during the Federal period when Newburyport's maritime trades prospered. It is quite possible that the owner of this house was a merchant or ship's captain.

The historical maps of Newburyport note that the owner of the property was J. Poor and J. Woodman in 1851 and the estate of M. Woodman in 1871. The city directories do not make note of these owners. This would indicate that the property was owned as an investment property.

During the late nineteenth century owners included Mary Silloway and Charles H. Hale. Hale was a carpenter living on Allen Street. He probably also rented this house to others.

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