

FORM B - BUILDING

Area A	Form no. 19
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

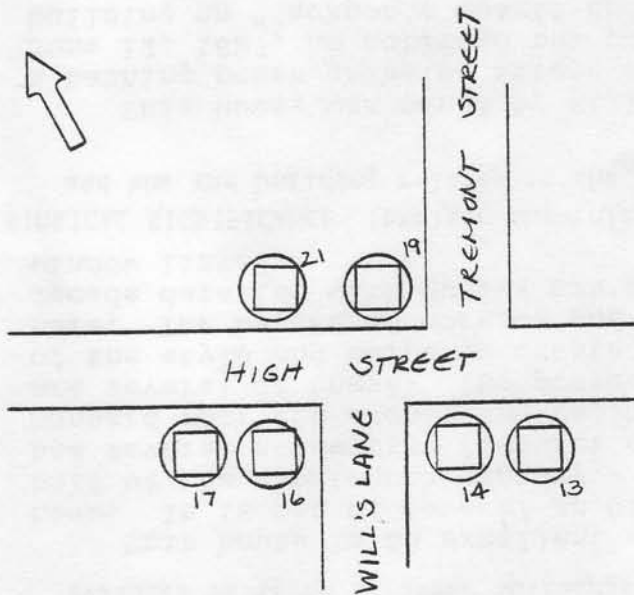


Newburyport
 Address 88 High Street
 Historic Name William D. Hervey House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner William D. Hervey

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1865
 Source 1872 Map of Newburyport
 Style Second Empire
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards and
 rusticated board
 Outbuildings _____



Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 8,284 sq. ft.

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 Organization Office of Community
 Development
 Date 8-4-80

Setting on Newburyport's main
thoroughfare noted for its excellent
examples of domestic architecture
dating from the Colonial period through
the early 20th century.

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

This house is an excellent example of a Second Empire style home. It is one of several on High Street built during the latter half of the nineteenth century. Though provincial in style the house has several noteworthy features of the Second Empire style. The mansard roof and arched and pedimented dormers ornamented with consoles are several of these. The projecting central pavillion is also typical of the style and helps to create the bold three dimensional effect seen here. The bracketed cornice and portico as well as the rusticated facade detailed with quoins are all features of the style as are the window lintels.

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

This house was owned by William D. Hervey in 1872. Hervey opened a bathing house on Water Street where the custom house now stands. On June 12, 1827, he notified the public that he had purchased the building on "Jackson's Wharf" and had remodeled it for the use of ladies and gentlemen desiring hot or cold baths.

In 1833 Hervey sold the lot of land on Water Street to the United States Government. In 1835 the government erected the custom house on this site.

The house at 88 High Street remained in the Hervey family until 1879. At that time it was purchased by Emily C. W. Page who owned it until 1922. The house remained in the Page family for several decades.

Subsequent owners were David P. Page, Samuel N. Bloom and Milton Frebach.

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