

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

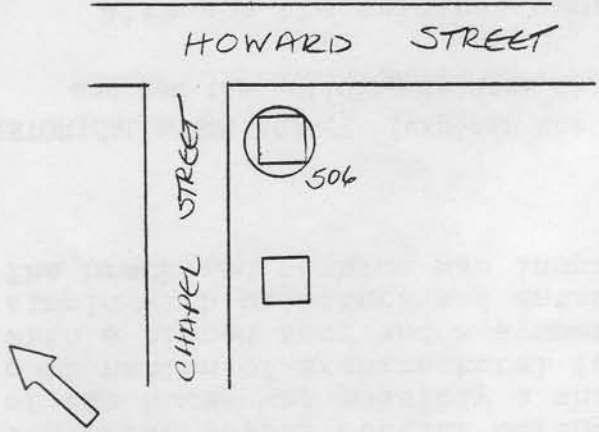


City Newburyport  
 Address 1 Chapel Street  
 Historic Name Royal Brown House  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Unknown

SKETCH MAP

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

DESCRIPTION:  
 Date c. 1860  
 Source Building Fabric  
 Style Vernacular  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings Sheds



Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 28,000 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area of primarily nineteenth and twentieth century buildings in Newburyport's North End.

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

This house is vernacular in style with features of some of the Victorian styles popular during the mid-nineteenth century. The builder of the house was possibly a shipcarpenter which could explain the odd combination of architectural features. The house is two stories in height with a hipped roof and a symmetrical five bay facade. The doorway is simple with pilasters and entablature reminiscent of the Greek Revival style. The bracketed cornice was inspired by the Italianate Victorian styles.

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

Although the original owner of this house has not yet been documented it is possible that it was built by Royal J. Brown, the owner in 1872. Brown was a shipcarpenter, probably employed in the shipyards of Newburyport's North End.

Prior to 1907 this house was sold to Wheeler Minard who willed it to his wife in that year. In 1919 Mary A. Minard sold the house to Robert M. Little.

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