

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

Today the building has features of the Italianate style popular during the mid-nineteenth century. Interesting features of the building include the rusticated cornerboards, bracketed cornice, eaves window lintels, and doors. This building was probably much simpler when originally constructed and was updated later in the nineteenth century.

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

This building was originally built as the Newbury Town House in 1830. In 1851 this section of Newbury was annexed to the City of Newburyport. Subsequently this structure was sold to the City of Newburyport and converted into the Brown High School. In 1872 the building served this purpose.

Later the structure was again adopted to a new purpose, residential. Today this building contains several apartments.

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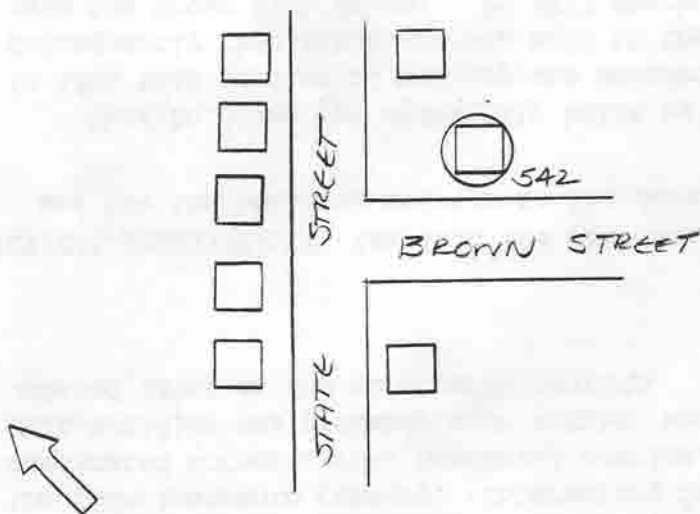
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City Newburyport
 Address 1-3 Brown Street
 Historic Name Old Newbury Town House
 Original Newbury Town Hall
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Town of Newbury

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1830
 Source Currier, History of Newbury
 Style Italianate
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) building
has been converted to residential use.
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 13,000 sq. ft.
 Setting adjacent to State Street, one
of Newburyport's main thoroughfares lined
with nineteenth century dwellings.

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