

FORM B - BUILDING

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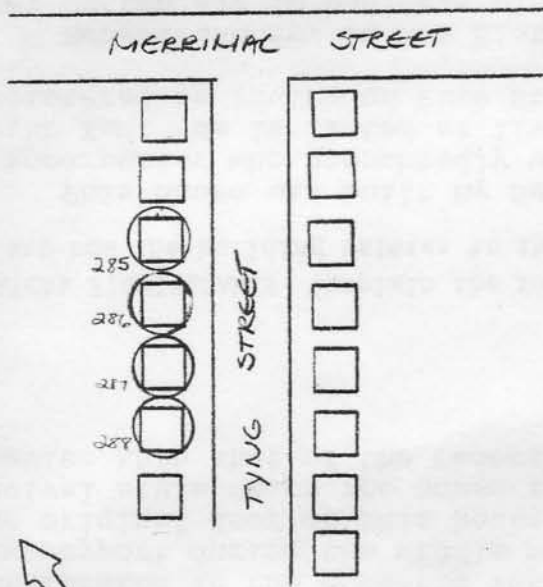


City Newburyport
 Address 10 Tyng Street
 Historic Name Benjamin Dutton House
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Benjamin Dutton

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1843
 Source Merrill "North End Papers"
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) doorway altered, addition at rear (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 8,470 sq. ft.
 Setting In residential area of nineteenth century single family dwellings.



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

This building is a good example of the Greek Revival style as interpreted in the domestic vernacular architecture built in Newburyport during the middle of the nineteenth century. Unfortunately, the original door of this house has been lost. Features of the Greek Revival style which the house retains are the cornerboards and cornice, heavier than that of the Federal style.

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 built by Benjamin Dutton in 1843. Dutton was a shipcarpenter who undoubtedly worked in the shipyards of Newburyport's North End. He is listed as living on Tyng Street in 1851. In 1872 he is registered as living on Pike Street in the South End.

Robert Cheney, in his History of Merrimac River Shipbuilding, says that Dutton was in business with Simon McKay in the South End. In February of 1861 he sailed for the James River to cut ship timber for himself and McKay of Amesbury. Dutton had an interest or was the builder of the following vessels. The Ship Edward, Ship Adrain, Bark Irmanium and the Ship Orago.

In February 24, 1863, the Newburyport Herald noted that "Messrs. Dutton and McKay of this place have established a yard at Charlestown." Dutton probably returned to Newburyport later and took up residence on Pike Street.

This house was used as a two family dwelling for many years but was recently returned to its original form of a single family residence.

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