

Massachusetts Historical Commission
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220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Town Newburyport
Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 10-14 Pleasant Street
Historic Name

Uses: Present Commercial/Offices

Original Commercial/Offices

Date of Construction c.1900

Source maps, directories, photographs

Style/Form ---

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation Concrete

Wall/Trim Brick/Wood Clapboards

Roof Tar

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

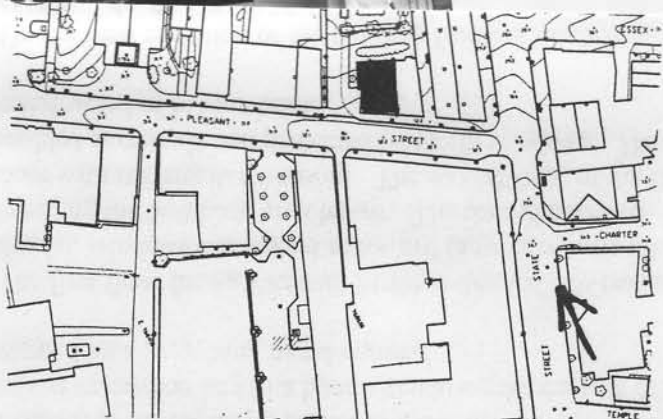
Major Alterations (with dates) c.1925 - building faced
with brick and side addition constructed

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 7524 SF

Setting corner of Inn and Pleasant Streets,
central business district



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BUILDING FORM (10-14 Pleasant Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Located at the northeast corner of Pleasant and Inn Streets is this two-story wood-frame block, partially faced with bricks of mixed coloration laid in a bond alternating six courses of stretchers to a single course of headers. The flat-roofed block is capped by a projecting metal cornice.

The first floor facing Pleasant Street is divided into two storefronts, capped by a prominent projecting cornice. The large display windows are angled in toward the center entrance. The windows are set in aluminum frames with vertical boards covering the bulkhead area below. The central doorway, leading to the offices upstairs, retains its original glass-and-wood door with rectangular transom. The second floor of the facade is punctuated by five irregularly spaced 2/1 windows with molded surrounds and protected by storm windows. The windows are set into the brick without lintels; the sills are constructed of header brick.

On the west elevation of the building fronting Inn Street, the north portion of the elevation projects forward and is angled slightly. The first floor of the Inn Street facade is punctuated by four sets of display windows, each containing a pair of 1/1 windows set above a wooden bulkhead with recessed panels and outlined by brick piers. The second floor of this elevation is lit by a series of six 2/1 windows protected by storm windows. Both the east and north elevations of the buildings are sheathed in wide clapboards and lack window openings.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The exact date of construction of this building is not known although it appears to date to the early 20th century. According to Sanborn insurance maps and historic photographs the building was extensively renovated between 1924 and 1935, with brick facing installed over the old two-story, wood-frame building. The rear addition was probably also constructed at this time.

The building was at one time the location of the fruit and ice cream store of Barboro & Dondero, who also had a second store at the foot of Inn Street. In 1920 the storefront was occupied by Tarpon's Fish Market, owned by John O'Donnell. In 1937 the storefronts were occupied by O'Donnell's Grill and Mrs. Georgia Cole's ladies furnishings. Daly's Bread and Pie Shoppe was located at 10 Pleasant Street from about 1940 to the 1960s. Hoyt Drug was at 14 Pleasant Street from the late 1940s until the 1960s. The upper story has served as office space for various tenants over the years.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Irving, Ron. Unpublished research on Pleasant Street.
Newburyport City Directories, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*