

FORM B - BUILDING

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Boston, MA 02108

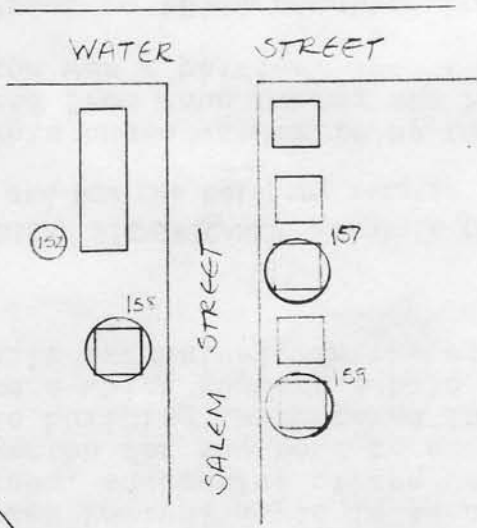


Newburyport  
 Address 11 Salem Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Leander Houghton

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1842  
 Source Essex County Registry of Deeds  
 Style Greek Revival  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 3,450 sq. ft.  
 Setting in district of mixed residential and industrial uses centered around the factory complex originally built as the James Steam Mills in 1842.



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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 vernacular Greek Revival home as built in most of Newburyport's neighborhoods. The influence of the Greek Revival style is seen in the placement of the house, gable end to street, suggestive of the Greek Temple pediment. The style is also the inspiration for the bold cornerboards. Most of the architectural detail in this building is centered in the front entrance. It is flanked by pilasters which support a bold entablature above. This form of dwelling was built extensively in the city between 1840 and 1860.

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 Leander Houghton on a parcel of land that he acquired from John Loring who had divided a larger parcel into house lots. Houghton was a painter.

Prior to 1851, Houghton sold this building to Jacob Chase. Between 1871 and 1884, Mrs. Mary Townsend owned the property. She was probably the wife, or widow, of John Townsend. Townsend was a shoemaker. According to the city directory of 1851 Townsend was then living at 8 Salem Street.

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