

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 222 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 14 Charter Street

Historic Name William Hills House

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1845

Source 1851 Map of Newburyport

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

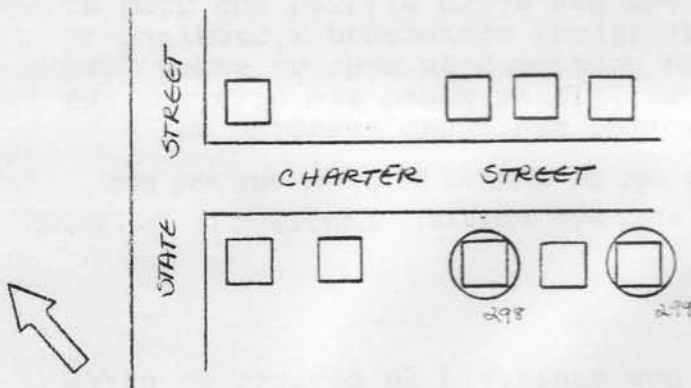
Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 2,840 sq. ft.

Setting in area of mixed residential and commercial uses adjacent to the central business district.

location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



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

This house is like many built in Newburyport during the mid-nineteenth century. The house is Greek Revival in style with the gable of the roof facing the street. The continuous cornice creates the pediment so typical of the style. Other features of the style are the bold cornice, classically inspired cornerboards and the doorway, which is flanked by pilasters and surmounted by a heavy entablature.

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

The original owner and builder of this house are unknown. In 1851 the building was owned by William Hills who operated a boarding house. Many homes in this neighborhood were used as boarding houses during Newburyport's prosperous industrial period in nineteenth century. Workers in both the textile mills and the shoe industry sought housing near their places of work. As a result many people took in boarders.

This house was occupied by Clara and Hannah Hills in 1872. By 1884 it had been sold and the occupants were Daniel J. Reed, a hairdresser, and Selwyn C. Reed, a noted Newburyport photographer. The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities owns a collection of Newburyport photographs by Selwyn C. Reed.

Today 14 Charter Street is a two family house.

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