

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 Street Boston MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 18-18 1/2 Walnut Street

Historic Name Enoch P. Lunt House

Original Residence

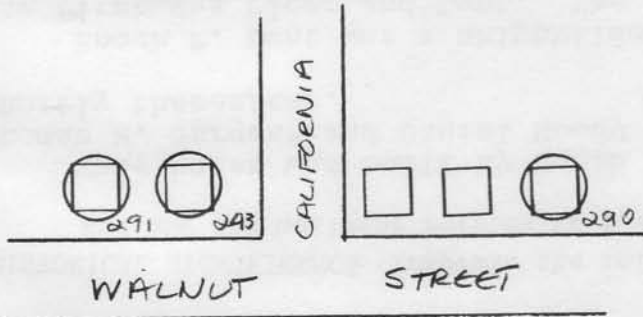
Present Residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Enoch P. Lunt

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1855

1851 Map of Newburyport

Source 1872 Map of Newburyport

Style Vernacular Victorian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) bay

window added (date unknown)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 6,427 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of

eighteenth and nineteenth century

homes near the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 12-28-80

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

This two story house with pitched roof is vernacular Victorian in style. It is typical of the types of dwelling that was built in Newburyport during the late nineteenth century. The cut-out brackets under the eaves are reminiscent of the brackets of the Italianate styles. The front entrance is ornamented by turned Victorian brackets.

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 Enoch P. Lunt. He purchased the land from Thomas M. Sargent and Daniel Moody in 1851. The house was probably built shortly thereafter.

Enoch P. Lunt was a shipbuilder who worked within several partnerships. The first was Piper and Lunt. The second was Colby and Lunt. They worked in the shipyard at the foot of Ashland Street. They were in business between 1865 and 1880. Between 1865 and 1868 they launched nine schooners. Later they built scows for the Haverhill Tow Boat Company. When the business closed they had built a total tonnage of 3,707.

The house remained in the Lunt family until 1924 when John E. and George C. Lunt sold the property to William Fisher.

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