

FORM B - BUILDING

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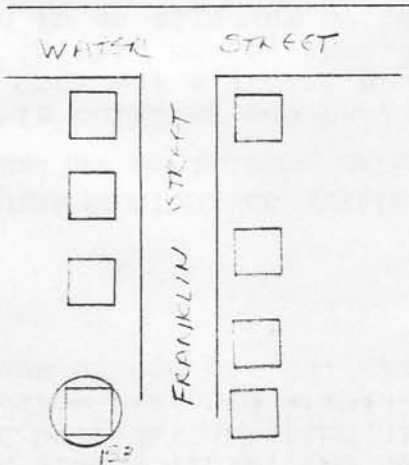
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Newburyport
 Address 20 Franklin Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1850
 Source 1851 Plan of Newburyport
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Asbestos siding
 Outbuildings Shed
 Major alterations (with dates) window sash replaced, building covered with asbestos siding (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 8,770 sq. ft.
 Setting in district of mixed residential and industrial use 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 a vernacular example of the Greek Revival style. Noteworthy features of the style are the bull's eye blocks at the corners of each window lintel and the nicely detailed front entrance. The door is flanked by sidelights and pilasters supporting a heavy entablature above. The shallow pinnacle within the entablature is seen in many vernacular buildings of the period. It could be the result of an early Gothic influence.

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

This building was built prior to 1851 when it was owned by Moody D. Cook. Cook was a grocer and is listed in the city directory for 1851 as living in this house, then 12 Franklin Street. His grocery store was located in an adjacent building at 10 Franklin that is no longer standing.

In 1872 Cook was still the owner of this property. He is listed as an inspector in the city directory of 1871. At that time Mariette E. Cook was also in residence here. She was a teacher by occupation. This property remained in the Cook family for several decades.

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