

FORM B - BUILDING

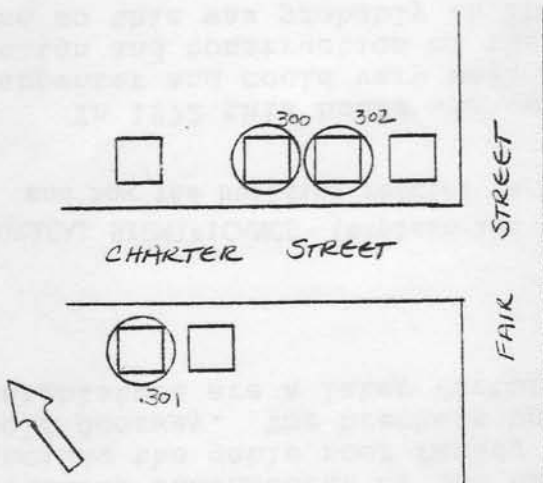
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 222 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 24 Charter Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Aaron E. Bowen

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1860
 Source 1851, 1872 Maps of Nbpt.
 Style Vernacular Victorian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 1,400 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area adjacent to the central business district.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 09-20-80

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

This house is vernacular in style and is typical of the worker's cottages built in Newburyport between 1850 and 1880. The house has features reminiscent of the earlier Greek Revival style. These include the gable roof facing the street, the cornerboards, and the bold doorway. The brackets under the eaves and in the doorway entablature are a later Victorian feature.

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

In 1872 this house was owned by Aaron E. Bowen. Bowen was a carpenter and could very well have been responsible for the original design and construction of the building. Bowen lived in the North End so this was probably an investment property.

By 1884, the house had been sold to Emma M. Wheelwright, widow. In 1924, the house was owned by Marietta R. Little. Her husband John M. Little was in the furniture moving business.

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