

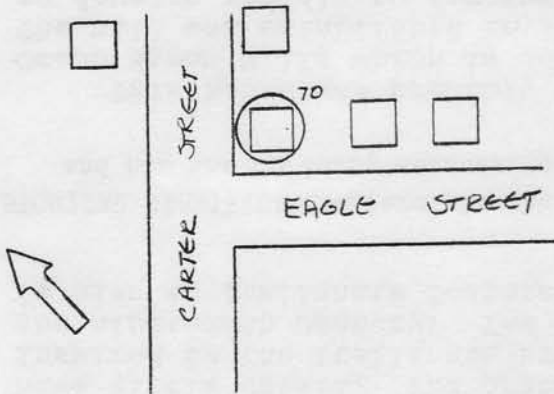
FORM B - BUILDING

Area B	Form no. 70
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



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



Newburyport

26 Eagle Street

Historic Name

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1850

Source Merrill, "North End Papers"

Style Transitional

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) additions
at rear (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 8,790 sq. ft.

Setting In residential area adjacent
to industrial complex originally
built for the Ocean Steam Mills.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort

Organization Office of Community
Development

Date 7/28/80

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

This house is transitional and vernacular in style with elements of both the Greek Revival and Italianate periods. The form is clearly Greek Revival with gable facing the street. This suggests the Greek pediment. The cornerboards are also reminiscent of the Greek style but have little detail. The brackets in the cornice and doorway are inspired by the Italianate style which became popular in the middle of the nineteenth century. The shallow pediment over the entrance porch is also an Italianate feature.

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 probably built to house one of the foreman of the Ocean Steam Mills which is located nearby between Warren and Kent Streets. The mill was established in 1845 and this entire area of the North End began to develop rapidly to accommodate the cotton industry and its workers.

This home was built by Mr. Selfridge and was owned by his family for several decades.

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