

FORM B - BUILDING

Area B	Form no. 79
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 26 Munroe Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner _____

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1860

Source 1851, 1872 Maps of Nbpt.

Style Italianate

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Shingles

Outbuildings _____

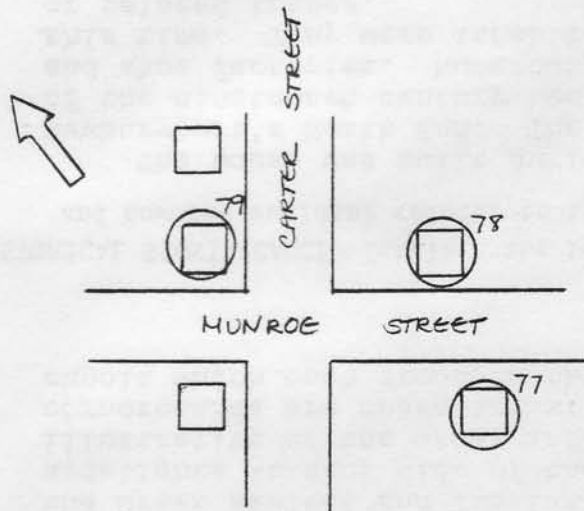
Major alterations (with dates) Cupola removed, building shingled (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 3,130 sq. ft.

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

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



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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 building is a vernacular mid-nineteenth century building. It is apparently transitional in style exhibiting elements of both the Greek Revival and Italianate styles. The trabeated doorway with sidelights at each side of the door and large oblong light above is illustrative of the Greek influence. The flat roof and rusticated cornerboards are characteristic of the Italianate style as was the cupola which once stood in the roof's center.

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

The house was built during the greatest period of growth in Newburyport's North End. The area prospered during the second half of the nineteenth century because of the establishment of cotton mills and shoe factories. Numerous homes were built in the North End at this time. They were inhabited by those associated with the industry or related trades.

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The exact construction date of this house is unknown. It was built prior to 1871 when it was owned by Jeremiah Blake, a carpenter. It is quite possible that Blake was the original owner and builder of the house.

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