

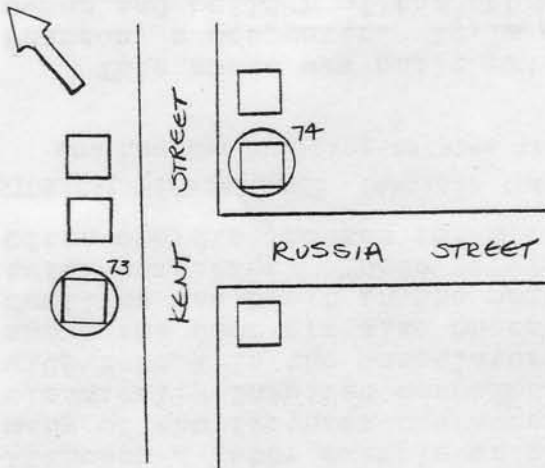
FORM B - BUILDING

Area B	Form no. 73
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



Newburyport

ss 26-28 Kent Street

oric Name

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1855

Source 1851, 1872 Maps of Nbpt.

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 5,450 sq. ft.

Setting Residential area adjacent to
the industrial complex originally
occupied by 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 large Greek Revival dwelling was built between 1850 and 1870. Although a later example of the Greek Revival, the house does have many of the features characteristic of the style. These include the classically inspired cornerboards and pilasters flanking the doorway. The wide fascia in the entablature above the door and the large oblong light above the door are also characteristic of the style. This type of large dwelling was built in the neighborhoods adjacent to Newburyport's industrial complexes. These provided excellent living accommodations and were often boarding houses for mill workers.

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 prior to 1871 when it was owned by Charles Pearson, a carpenter. It is quite possible that Pearson was the original owner and builder of the house.

The size of the house, the date and style of its construction and its proximity to the Ocean Steam Mill complex would indicate that this building was built as a boarding house.

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