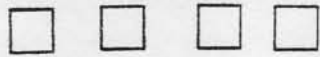
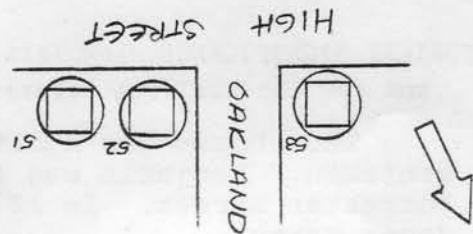


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



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



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Date 8-11-80

(Staple additional sheets here)

Moved _____ Date _____
Approx. acreage 12,700 sq. ft.
Setting on Newburyport's main thoroughfare noted for its excellent examples of domestic architecture dating from the colonial period through the early 20th century.

Major alterations (with dates) _____
Style Victorian Italianate
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
Outbuildings Garage
Date c. 1870
Source Merrill, "North End Papers"

DESCRIPTION:
Newburyport
Address 270 High Street
Historic Name Pike-Parton House
Original Residence
Present Residence
Partnership: Private individual
 Private organization
Public
Original owner Benjamin Pike

Form no.	52
Area	A

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

This house is a vernacular interpretation of the Victorian Italianate style. The elements inspired by the style are simple and they include the bracketed cornice, the window lintels and the simple entrance portico.

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 by the Rev. Daniel P. Pike for his son, Benjamin. Benjamin was the master of the grammar school on Forrester Street. In 1871 Pike moved and the house was sold to James Parton.

Parton spent the last decades of his life in Newburyport after having lived in New York. He published several books including biographies of Horace Greeley, Aaron Burr and Thomas Jefferson. Parton also contributed to several periodicals including the Home Journal and the New York Journal. Parton lived in this house until 1886 when he moved to the house on the opposite corner of Oakland and High Streets, a three story Federal period home.

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