

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no. 433
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 3 Market Street

Historic Name Bartlet-Atkinson House

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Edmund Bartlet

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1804

Source Hale, "Old Newburyport Hses"

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings _____

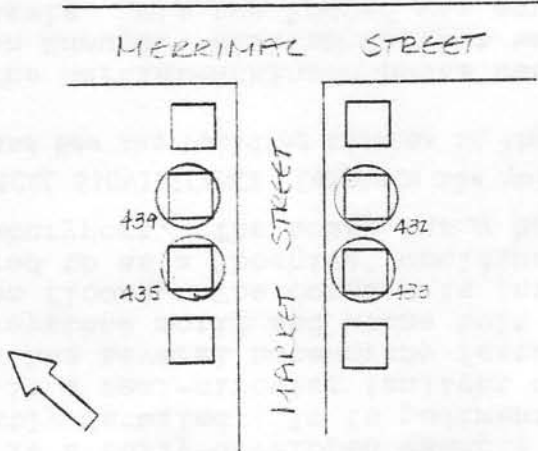
Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 8,583 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area adjacent to the commercial district along Merrimack Street and the banks of the Merrimack River.

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



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 11-20-80

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

This house is an exceptional example of the three story Federal home, a style built throughout the City of Newburyport. The Bartlet-Atkinson House is a fully-developed example of the Federal style. The doorway is elegantly detailed. It is pedimented and the door is flanked by pilasters. There is a semi-circular fanlight over the door. The symmetrical five-bay facade has several noteworthy features. These include splayed window lintels with keystone motif and stone belt courses that extend around the building between floors. The cornice is interesting. It is detailed with what is referred to as a "beehive" moulding. It occurs in many of the Federal homes in Newburyport. The house has a hipped roof and small, nearly square windows

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

The Bartlet-Atkinson house was built in 1805 by William Bartlet for his son Edmund. William Bartlet was a prominent merchant who owned a fleet of vessels. His son Edmund was equally prominent in the Town of Newburyport.

Edmund Bartlet was born in Newburyport in 1775. Bartlet was very interested in improving the area around the Frog Pond. It was at his suggestion and expense that this area was improved and subsequently named Bartlet Mall. Edmund Bartlet was engaged in the manufacture of woolen yarn and cotton batting. Edmund Bartlet lived in this house until his death on May 9, 1854.

Shortly afterwards this house was acquired by Mrs. Hannah B. Atkinson. The Atkinson family owned 3 Market Street until 1923 when it was sold to Harriet Lunt. Between 1925 and 1962 the house was owned by the Newburyport Lodge No. 1601, Loyal Order of Moose. In 1962 the house was sold and returned to a single family residence.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

in the third story. These are typical features of the Federal style.

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