

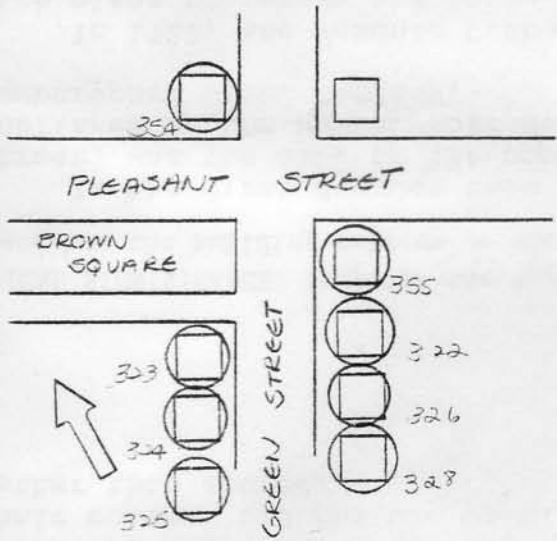
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 31 Green Street
 Historic Name Masonic Temple
 Original Masonic Temple
 Present Masonic Temple
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization Masonic Temple Association
 Public
 Original owner Masonic Temple Association

Draw map showing property location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1928
 Source Assessor's Records
 Style Neo-classical Revival
 Architect Ashton, Huntress and Alter
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 12, 883 sq. ft.
 Setting Adjacent to central business district and government buildings, including Newburyport City Hall and the U. S. Post Office.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 6-30-80

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

The Masonic Temple is built in the Neo-Classical style popular during the early twentieth century. Typical features of this style which are seen in the Masonic Temple, are the large portico and Ionic columns and the use of windows and doors that are trabeated rather than arched.

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

In the first decades this century, the parcel of land at 31 Green Street, was the site of the home of Joseph B. Morse. Morse was the publisher of the Newburyport Herald and the first president of the Newburyport Water Company.

In 1923, the Masonic Club purchased the house at 31 Green Street with plans to remove the house and erect a new Masonic Lodge.

Construction of the new building started in 1927. The architects were masons Ashton, Huntress and Alter of Lawrence, Mass. The contractor for the project was A. M. Lundberg of St. Louis. The total cost of the project was \$130,000.00 and the building was dedicated in March, 1929.

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