

FORM B - BUILDING

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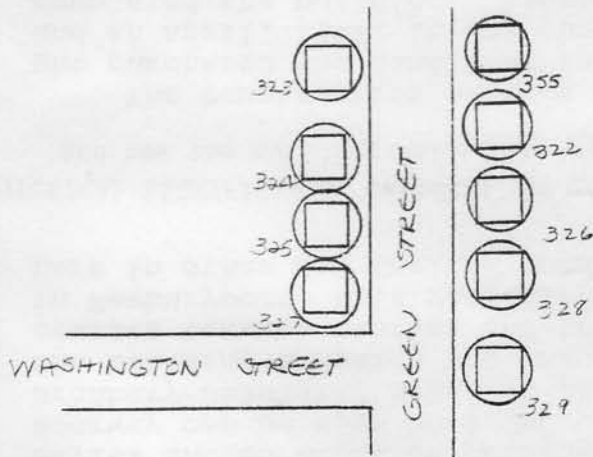


City Newburyport
 Address 32 Green Street
 Historic Name Babson-Bartlet House
 Original Residence
 Present Multiple Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Captain John Babson

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1782
 Source Hale, Old Newburyport Homes
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) Divided into double house (c. 1810), divided into nine apartments (c. 1965).
 Moved _____ Date _____



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 Organization Office of Community Development
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Approx. acreage 8,100 sq. ft.
 Setting On the corner of Washington Street and Green Street, this is approximately twenty feet off Green Street in area of excellent Georgian and Federal domestic architecture, now housing mixed residential/commercial uses.

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

The Babson-Bartlet House is one of several homes in Newburyport of similar form. It has features of both the Georgian and Federal styles and so might be considered transitional. The building's Doric doorway can be seen on a Georgian gambrel roofed house like the Bradbury-Spaulding House at 28 Green Street. Noteworthy elements of the building's design are the dentilled cornice, projecting brick belt courses between stories and the double hipped roof. While not uncommon in Newburyport, this variation on the standard hip roof is relatively rare in other New England communities.

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

The construction of this house was begun by Jonathan Milliken who purchased the land from Nathaniel Tracy. He died shortly thereafter, and in April, 1782, it was purchased, unfinished by John Babson who completed the building. Babson was a merchant with shipping interests. He was registered as part owner of the Brig "Ruby", commissioned in 1781 as a privateer in the Revolutionary War.

On March 9, 1786, Joseph Cutler purchased of John Babson the house on the corner of Green Street and Union Street near Washington Street. Joseph Cutler was married to Alice, daughter of Robert "King" Hooper, wealthiest merchant in Marblehead. Joseph Cutler was chosen as tithingman in 1787. In 1896, he served as treasurer for the Proprietors of Locks and Canals on the Merrimack River. He also served as clerk of the Merrimack Bank in 1800. Joseph Cutler died in 1804. His wife lived in this house until 1826.

In 1810, the house was divided in two and the property was divided between the owners until early in the twentieth century. The wife and heirs of Josiah Bartlett lived in one half of the house most of the nineteenth century, lending their name to the building. During the early years of this century the house was acquired by Wallace Nutting, noted author and photographer, who restored the house. It was later owned by the Immaculate Conception Educational Association for several years.

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