

FORM B - BUILDING

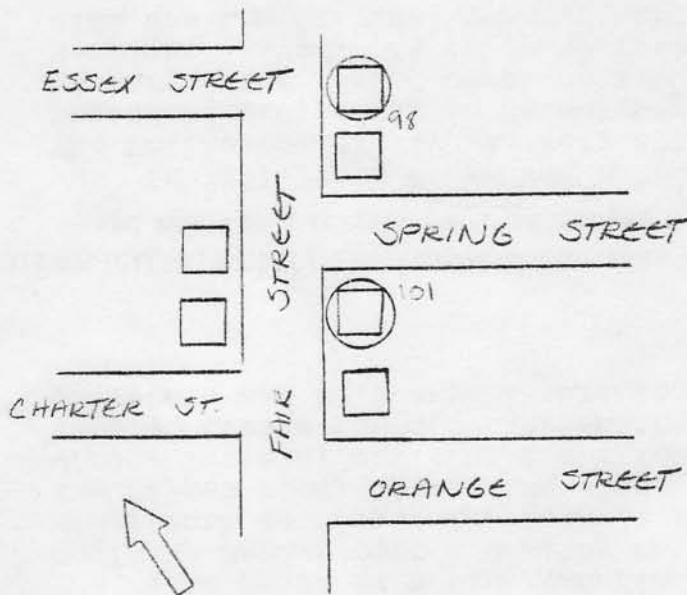
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 33 Fair Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1800
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) Front entrance altered (mid-19th century), addition at rear (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 3,100 sq. ft.
 Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

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

This house is a fine example of the three story Federal houses built by Newburyport's wealthy mercantile class at the turn of the nineteenth century. The notable Federal features of this building are the hipped roof, decreasing window size in the upper stories, splayed window lintels, and simple cornice moulding. The front entrance was altered during the mid-nineteenth century and presently has the sidelights, pilasters and bold entablature associated with the Greek Revival style.

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

In 1851, this house was owned by the estate of J. Follansbee. The Follansbee family was very active in the trade that led to the period of prosperity in Newburyport at the turn of the nineteenth century. The family owned numerous vessels built on the banks of the Merrimack River. It is quite possible that a member of the Follansbee clan was the original owner of the house.

In any case this house was built when the South End was the home of those associated with mercantile and maritime interests.

The 1872 Map of the City of Newburyport notes that D. Felton owned this house in 1872. Dudley D. Felton was prominent in the community, serving as a vice-president of the Newburyport Y.M.C.A. when it was organized in 1876. In 1854, he was one of the incorporators of the Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank.

In 1884 Felton was still the proprietor of this house.

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