

FORM B - BUILDING

Area B	Form no. 68
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Newburyport

Address 33-35 Carter Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Original Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Present Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership:  Private individual  
Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Abel Keyes

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1811

Source Merrill, "North End Papers"

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) doorway  
altered and cornice replaced (c1975)

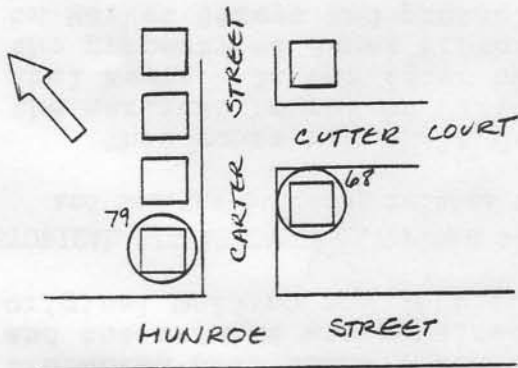
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 9,000 sq. ft.

Setting In residential area of single  
family dwellings built mid-nineteenth  
century primarily as housing for the  
nearly rear Steam Mills.



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



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

This is a vernacular example of the Federal style. It has the characteristic Federal form of three stories with hipped roof and decreasing window size in the upper floors. This is a double house, a common form of residential building in Newburyport. The house is split down the middle with an entrance on each side. The ownership is conveyed through two separate deeds. The house had a Victorian bracketed door until recently when the present doorway was installed and the cornice was repaired resulting in the loss of much of its original molding and detail.

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 during the Federal period and was one of the earliest houses on Carter Street. It was originally owned by Abel Keyes. It was later owned by Eliza Potter and in 1845 became the property of James Frothingham. Frothingham was a grocer living on Market Street and probably owned this house as an investment.

In 1850 this property was conveyed to Richard Fowler. Fowler's firm Richard Fowler and Company was a supplier of wood and coal. He did not live in the house either, but resided on Harris Street in the center of town. By this time the property probably housed some of the people associated with the newly established Ocean Steam Mills. In 1867 the Ocean Steam Mills acquired full ownership of the property and it was probably a tenement for workers for the next several decades.

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