

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

This building is Federal in style and was probably built to house a mixture of residential and commercial interests. The building is utilitarian in form and probably housed the original owner's business as well as his home. The building resembles the mercantile buildings in the Market Square Historic District. It has several Federal features including the arched doorways and granite foundation.

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

The original owner and builder of this building is not known. By 1851 the property was owned by Mrs. Sarah Brown. It is not known what purpose the building served during this period. Its utilitarian form indicates that there was probably a shop of some sort in the building as well as a residence.

Before 1872, the building was conveyed to William E. Currier. Currier was a justice of the police court and a lawyer. His office was located at 25 State Street and he lived at 44 Federal Street, now 38 Federal Street. Currier established his law practice in the city in 1866. He also served as a representative to the General Court.

Currier and his heirs owned this property until 1948, when Adelaide Currier conveyed the property to Paul A. Kessler. This house has recently been rehabilitated and presently is used as a guest house, The Winsor House.

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