

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no. 312
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
251 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

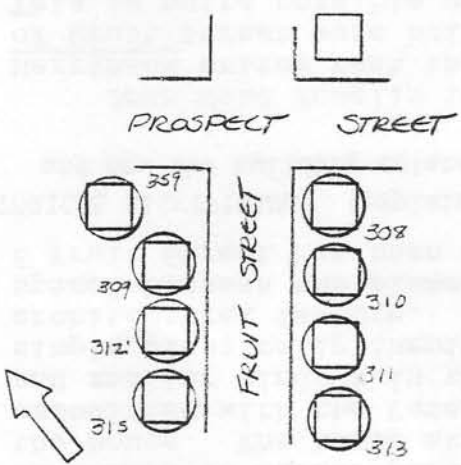


Newburyport
 Address 6-8 Fruit Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1805
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____



Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown), doorways altered (late 19th century)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 8,000 sq. ft.
 in a residential area of
 Setting single and double houses built for the most part, during the first decade of the nineteenth century. The homes are closely spaced and have little land on the street side. Many are fine examples of the Federal Style

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

This building is the second of three double houses built on Fruit Street during the early years of the nineteenth century. This form is common in Newburyport and there are separate deeds for each side of the house. The house at 6-8 Fruit Street has the typical form associated with the Federal style. It has three stories, a hipped roof, and smaller windows in the upper stories. The window lintels have a simple classically inspired entablature. The cornice is an important architectural feature. It is known as a "bee hive" moulding as the spaced between the elements resembles a bee hive. The doorway at 6 Fruit Street has been altered and today has Victorian brackets although

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

John Mead Howells in his book The Architectural Heritage of the Merrimack writes that this house and most of the others on this side of Fruit Street were built by Captain Samuel Tenney for his children. This is quite possible as Tenney had a large family and in 1851 the house was owned by Perley Tenney.

By 1872 Reverend John R. Thurston was in residence at 6 Fruit Street. At that time 4 Fruit Street was owned and occupied by Captain Moses Pike and his family. Also in residence were Pike's sons, John T. Pike and Moses Pike, Jr. Both of these men were also associated with the sea. They are both listed as mariners in the 1871 City Directory. Moses Pike, Sr. and Jr. were the owners of the schooner "Baltic" built on the banks of the Merrimack by Joseph Coffin in 1826.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 312
Property Name: 6-8 Fruit Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

these brackets were applied over the original Doric pilasters. The doorway on the 8 Fruit Street side retains its original semi-circular fanlight.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom