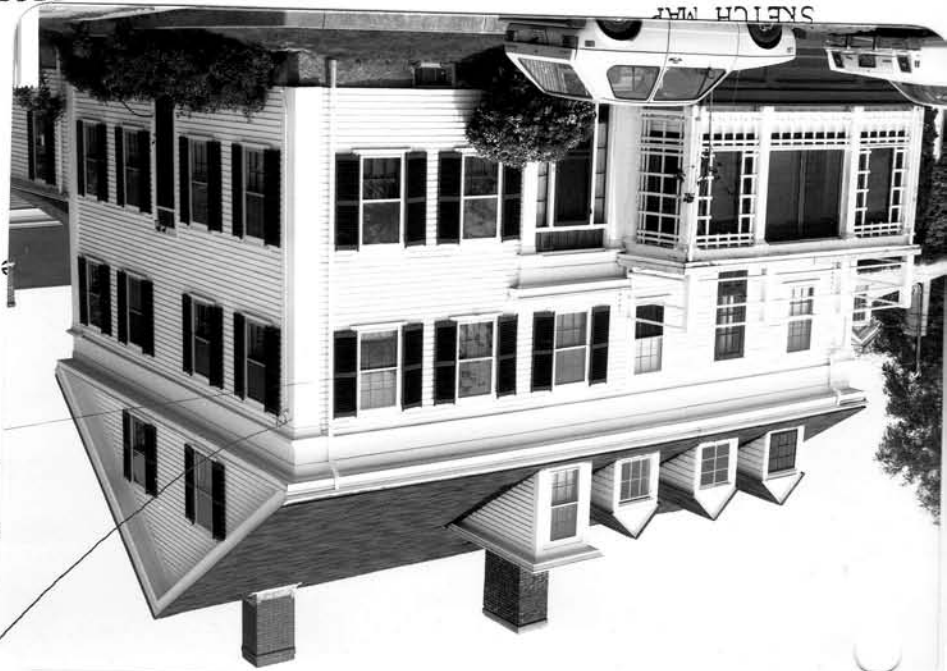


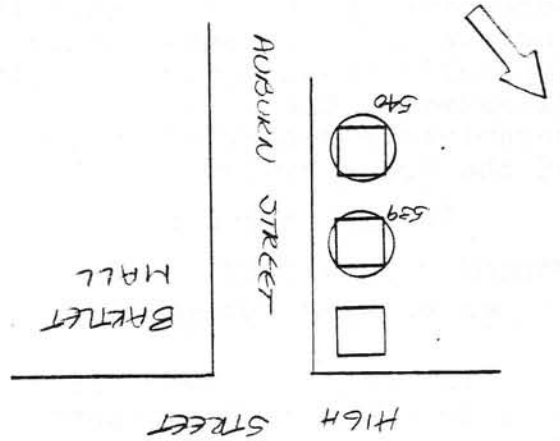
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Boston, MA 02108



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



DESCRIPTION:

Newburyport  
 8 Auburn Street  
 Original Name Balch House  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Partnership:  Private individual  
 Private organization  
 Public  
 Original owner Unknown

Date c. 1845

Source Building Fabric

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) porch

added, dormers added (dates unknown)

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

Approx. acreage 3,600 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area adjacent

to the historic Bartlett Mall and the

Bulfinch Courthouse.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwalt  
 Organization Office of Community Development  
 Date 01-09-81

(Staple additional sheets here)

Form no.	Area
540	

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

Architecturally, this house is a good example of the Greek Revival style as interpreted in the vernacular at mid-nineteenth century. Noteworthy features of this two and a half story building with hipped roof include the bold entablature and cornerboards. The front entrance is typically Greek Revival in style. The door is flanked by sidelights and pilasters. There is also a long oblong window above the door. The entablature supported by the pilasters is heavy and quite characteristic of the Greek Revival style.

The porch and roof dormers are later additions.

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 of this house has yet to be documented but may have been Samuel Huse listed as living at 10 Auburn Street in 1851. The Map of Newburyport published in that year also indicates that a member of the family was part owner of the structure.

In 1872 Balch was the owner of the house.

The remained in the Balch family until 1929 when Sarah and Georgianna Balch sold the structure to Eleanor A. Herlihy.

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