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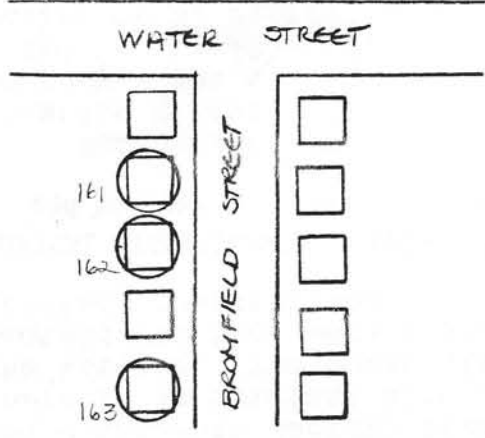
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport  
 Address 8 Bromfield 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 Early Eighteenth Century  
 Source \_\_\_\_\_  
 Style First Period  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards, shingles  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 3,350 sq. ft.



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Setting in residential area of predominantly eighteenth century single family homes adjacent to the Merrimack River.

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

This house is a very important First Period house. The house originally had casement sash windows, one fragment of which is in the hands of the present owners. The fenestration of the house was updated during the Georgian period. The house presently has both seventeenth and eighteenth century framing, including one exceptional scarf joint. There is an original nine foot fireplace with First Period moulding in the kitchen. The house also has raised field panelling and a Federal mantelpiece that were added to the structure after the period of the original construction.

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

The earliest owners of this house have yet to be documented. The existing historic fabric appears to date from the early eighteenth century. The earliest known owner or occupant of this house is that noted on the 1851 "Plan of Newburyport". According to that map the "heirs of E. Pierce" were the proprietors. Enoch Pierce is mentioned in Newburyport histories. He served under the command of Ezra Lunt in the Revolutionary War at the age of 20. He also made a claim against the government for the loss of the Brig "Minerva" seized by French privateers in 1798 during the war between France and England.

By 1872, this property had been conveyed to Captain Joseph Howard. Howard had a fish market at 11 Huse Wharf. This house is a single family residence and an important element in the Joppa district.

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