

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 8 Salem 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 Eighteenth Century

Source Building Fabric

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Aluminum Siding

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) building resided (date unknown)

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

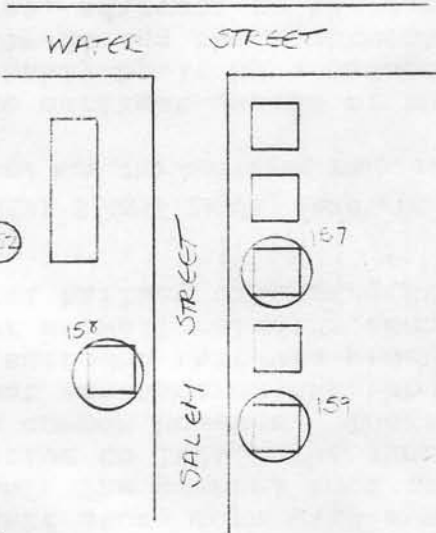
Approx. acreage 4,530 sq. ft.

Setting in district of mixed

residential and industrial used center

ed around the factory complex original

ly built as the James Steam Mills in 1842.



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Organization Office of Community Development

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

This Georgian home has several typical Georgian features. The two and a half story form with symmetrical five bay facade is typically Georgian. The gambrel roof is also common in Newburyport in buildings built prior to 1800. The gambrel roof with lean-to at rear, seen here, is less common however. There are several other examples in the city. The front entrance of this house has been altered. Today it has a very simple surround that was probably installed in recent years. The interior endwall chimneys seen in this house indicate that the house has a central hallway extending from the front to the rear of the house.

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. It was probably built by a member of Newburyport's thriving maritime community during the eighteenth century. By the mid-nineteenth century this area, adjacent to the James Steam Mills, was changing into an area that relied on cottage industries and textile mills for livelihood.

Between 1851 and 1872, 8 Salem Street was owned by Miss Judith Brickett. Before 1884, it was sold to the Victoria Mills, then occupying the adjacent industrial complex. Subsequent owners included the Bay State Cotton Corporation, the International Cotton Mills, the Warner Mills and the Stark Mills. The house was probably occupied by one of the mill agents during this period.

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