

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport

Address 8 Walnut Street

Historic Name Samuel Forbes House

Original Residence

Present Residence

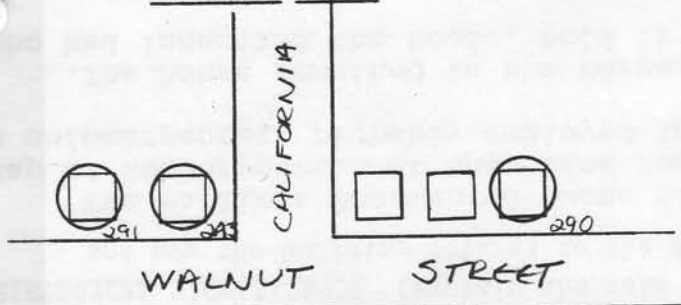
Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public _____

Original owner Samuel Forbes

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1870

Source 1851 Map of Newburyport

Source 1872 Map of Newburyport

Style Italian Villa Style

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) front entrance altered (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 8,880 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of primarily eighteenth and nineteenth century dwellings near the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 12-27-80

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

The unusual architectural detail in this house is probably explained by the fact the house was built for a shipcarpenter. The house is two stories in height with pitched roof. It is vernacular Victorian in style with features of several of the Italian Villa style popular during the late nineteenth century. The turned brackets under the eaves and the arched window in the roof's gable are Italianate features, as are the shallow pointed arched window lintels. The front entrance porch has probably been altered since the original construction of the house. It has recently been enclosed.

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 documented owner of this house is that noted on the 1872 Map of Newburyport. At that time Samuel Forbes was the owner. Forbes was a shipcarpenter, probably employed in one of the North End shipyards.

The house remained in the Forbes family until 1925 when Mary C. Forbes, who had inherited the house, sold it to Mary C. Jarvis.

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