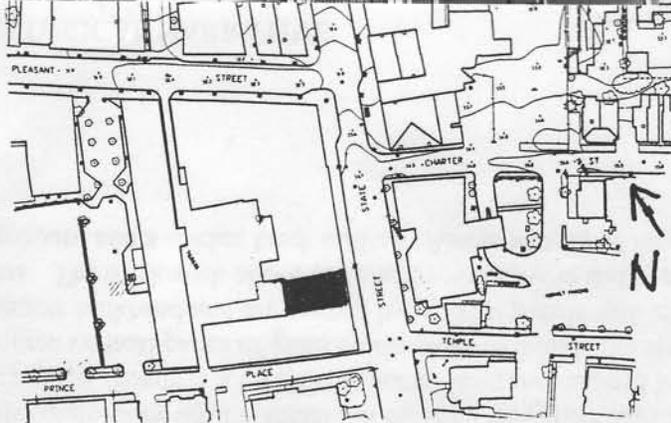


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Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125



Town Newburyport
Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 82 State Street
Historic Name First National Store

Uses: Present Commercial
Original Commercial

Date of Construction c.1928

Source directories

Style/Form ---

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation Undetermined
Wall/Trim Brick
Roof Tar

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
none

Major Alterations (with dates) c.1970 - alterations to
storefront

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 3162 SF

Setting central business district

Recorded by Lisa Mausolf
Organization Newburyport Historical Commission
Date (month/year) April 1999

BUILDING FORM (82 State Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This single-story infill commercial building was apparently constructed about 1928 as the First National Store. Centered on the narrow facade is a c.1970 "Colonial" entrance capped by a broken pediment. To each side is a display window consisting of three vertical panes of glass on the front face and one on the inside, flanking the entrance. The display windows rest on a concrete bulkhead and are capped by wooden panels outlined by raised moldings. The building is outlined by narrow brick piers. The brickwork above the display windows is laid in a common bond with diagonal pieces flanking the central signboard and a soldier brick outline. A concrete cap is located at the top of the facade.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The present brick building appears to replace an earlier single-story, combination brick and wood-frame building. Directories suggest that the building was constructed about 1928. The 1929 directory indicates that this was one of seven First National stores in the city at that time. The others were located at 30 Market Square, 43 Pleasant Street, 83 Prospect Street, 17 1/2 Purchase St. and 18 State Street.

In 1940 the First National Stores were consolidated in a new self service market at 83 State Street, at the corner of Prospect Street. At the same time the A & P store moved into what is now 84 State Street. The building at 83 State Street was subsequently occupied by Sears Roebuck from the 1940s into the 1960s and later by an antiques store. Today, the Screening Room is located here.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Newburyport Directories, various dates.
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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*