

## 113 MERRIMAC ST – Formerly H G Prescott Grocery Store-John E. Weare Grocery

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### Location

113 MERRIMAC ST

### MBLU

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### Owner

BUZZY BEE LLC

### Assessment

\$531,700

### PID

3233

### Building Count

1

### Current Value

### Assessment

Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2025	\$267,800	\$263,900	\$531,700

### Owner of Record

**Owner** BUZZY BEE LLC  
**Co-Owner** C/O ALDRICH  
**Address** 29 UNION ST  
NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950  
**Sale Price** \$0  
**Certificate**  
**Book & Page** 32453/0588

**Sale Date** 05/10/2013  
**Instrument** 1F

### Ownership History

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Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Instrument	Sale Date
BUZZY BEE LLC	\$0		32453/0588	1F	05/10/2013
ALDRICH JOHN	\$275,000		28785/0213	1H	07/15/2009
CURRIER ALICE P- GEORGE JR TE	\$0		4050/0587		

## Building Information

### Building 1 : Section 1

**Year Built:** 1800  
**Living Area:** 2,528

#### Building Attributes

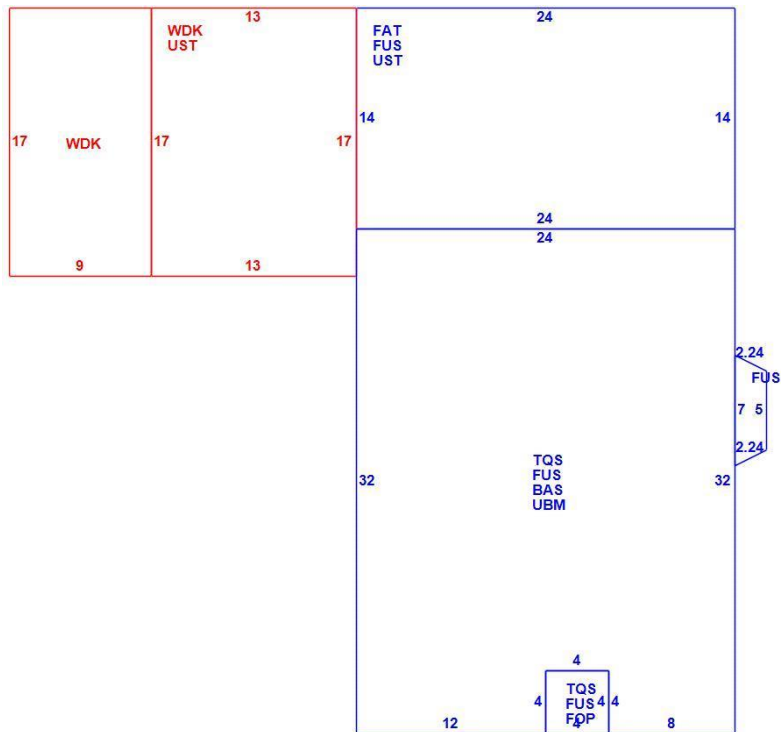
Field	Description
Style:	Stores/Apt Com
Model	Commercial
Grade	Average +10
Stories:	2
Occupancy	2.00
Exterior Wall 1	Clapboard
Exterior Wall 2	
Roof Structure	Gable/Hip
Roof Cover	Asph/F GlS/Cmp
Interior Wall 1	Drywall/Sheet
Interior Wall 2	Plywood Panel
Interior Floor 1	Hardwood
Interior Floor 2	Vinyl/Asphalt
Heating Fuel	Gas

Heating Type	Forced Air-Duc
AC Type	None
Struct Class	
Bldg Use	STORE/SHOP
Total Rooms	
Total Bedrms	
Total Baths	
Heat/AC	NONE
Frame Type	WOOD FRAME
Baths/Plumbing	LIGHT
Ceiling/Wall	CEIL & WALLS
Rooms/Prtns	AVERAGE
Wall Height	9.00
% Comn Wall	0.00

#### Building Photo



#### Building Layout



Building Sub-Areas (sq ft)Legend

Code	Description	Gross Area	Living Area
FUS	Upper Story, Finished	1,116	1,116
BAS	First Floor	752	752
TQS	Three Quarter Story	768	576
FAT	Attic	336	84
FOP	Porch, Open	16	0
UBM	Basement, Unfinished	752	0
UST	Utility, Storage, Unfinished	557	0
WDK	Deck, Wood	374	0
		4,671	2,528

## Extra Features

Extra FeaturesLegend

No Data for Extra Features

Land

Land Use

Use Code 0322  
Description STORE/SHOP

Land Line Valuation

Size (Acres) 0.04  
Depth 0  
Assessed Value \$263,900

Outbuildings

OutbuildingsLegend

No Data for Outbuildings

Valuation History

Assessment

Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2024	\$265,900	\$251,400	\$517,300
2023	\$254,700	\$228,500	\$483,200
2022	\$196,400	\$228,500	\$424,900

## History of the H. G. Prescott Grocery Store

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### 113 Merrimac Street - A Grocery Store in the Same Family for 87 years



The land was originally sold to Daniel Adams Jr. (who is on the 1851 map) by the Eastern Railroad. The 1867 Deed shows that John Pike of Rowley sold the store and dwelling to H. Gilmore Prescott (1824-1905) who was a grocer. Mr. Prescott is on the 1884 map. The 1907 deed conveyed the property to Carrie L. Weare, Mr. Prescott's daughter who married John E. Weare in 1879. John Weare was also a grocer, and his name shows up in the photograph the Museum of Old Newbury, "John E. Weare, choice groceries." John and Carrie Weare's daughter, also named Carrie, married Frank E. Pond, who was also a grocer. The 1927 deed shows that John E. Weare sold the property to his son-in-law Frank Pond. The Pond family sold the property in 1954.

This is from an article in the Newburyport Daily News, January 8, 1947:

"When it comes to a man being employed at one store it's likely that a few have surpassed the record of Frank E. Pond, who conducts a grocery store at 113 Merrimac Street. Altogether he has been in that store for 47 years. The last 20 as proprietor, previously for 27 years as clerk and assistant to his father-in-law, the late John E. Weare. Before that Mr. Weare worked for many years for his father-in-law Gillmore Prescott. All told, probably the Prescott-Weare-Pond families have conducted a store at this location, just above the overhead Boston and Maine railroad bridge, for at least 75 years."

The grocery store and home stayed in the family from 1867 to 1954 - 87 years.

## References

<https://map.historynewburyport.com> , History compiled by Mary Baker Eaton

Salem Deeds

FamilySearch.org

Newburyport City Directories

Sanford Fire maps from the Library of Congress, 1888, 1894, 1900, 1914  
1851 map and the 1884 map

Newburyport History Buffs Facebook page

Newburyport Historic Newspapers, the Newburyport Public Library Archival Center

Photograph of the H. G. Prescott Grocery Store, The Collection of Gregory Greelish  
The photograph of the store when it was owned by Gilmore Prescott is from the collection of Gregory Greelish. Mr. Greelish found the old sign from Mr. Prescott's grocery store in his dairy barn in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire. The family who he purchased it from had the photograph of the store and gave him a copy.

Merrimac Street up from the foot of Strong Street, Courtesy of the Museum of Old Newbury, The Snow Collection, showing John E. Weare, choice groceries.