

## 7 Beck Street - Robert E. Charron House

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### **Location**

7 BECK ST

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### **Owner**

CARR STEPHEN E

### **Assessment**

\$921,500

### **PID**

833

### **Building Count**

1

### **Current Value**

### **Assessment**

Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2026	\$549,600	\$371,900	\$921,500

### **Owner of Record**

**Owner** CARR STEPHEN E

**Co-Owner** KATHRYN C T/E  
**Address** 7 BECK ST  
 NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950  
**Sale Price** \$529,000  
**Certificate**  
**Book & Page** 34300/0267

**Sale Date** 08/14/2015  
**Instrument** 00

#### Ownership History

##### Ownership History

Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Instrument	Sale Date
CARR STEPHEN E	\$529,000		34300/0267	00	08/14/2015
SCANLON EILEEN P	\$1		13849/0552	1A	11/19/1996
SCANLON PAUL	\$159,900		09539/0186	00	05/31/1988
ECONOMOU JOHN C	\$0		06619/0760		08/09/1979

#### Building Information

##### Building 1 : Section 1

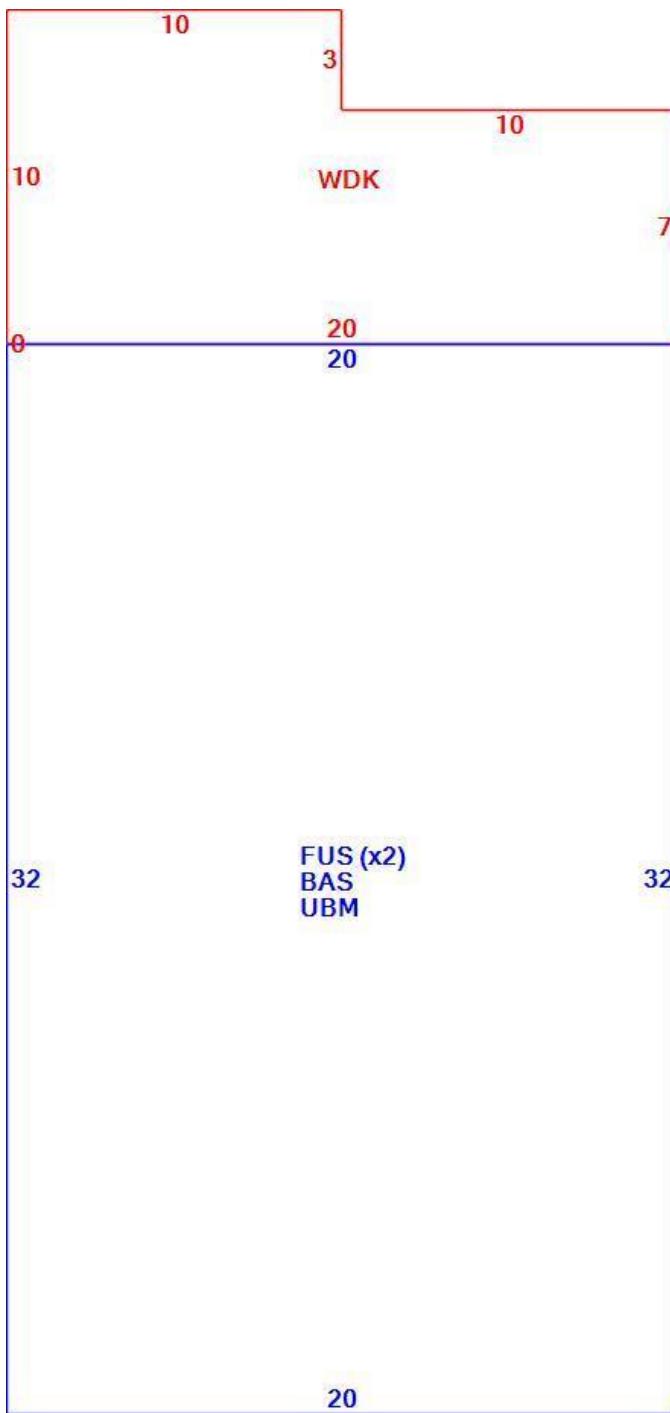
**Year Built:** 1800  
**Living Area:** 1,920

#### Building Attributes

Field	Description
Style:	Conventional
Model	Residential
Grade:	Average +10

Stories:	3 Stories
Occupancy	1
Exterior Wall 1	Clapboard
Exterior Wall	
Roof Structure:	Gable/Hip
Roof Cover	Asph/F Gls/Cmp
Interior Wall1	Drywall/Sheet
Interior Wall	
Interior Flr	Pine/Soft Wood
Interior Flr 2	
Heat Fuel	Gas
Heat Type:	Forced Air-Duc
AC Type:	None
Total Bedrooms:	3 Bedrooms
Total Bthrms:	1
Total Half Baths:	0
Total Xtra Fixtrs:	
Total Rooms:	5 Rooms
Cndtn	
Num Park	
Fireplaces	
Fndtn Cndtn	
Basement	

## Building Layout



Building Sub-Areas (sq ft) Legend

Code	Description	Gross Area	Living Area
FUS	Upper Story, Finished	1,280	1,280
BAS	First Floor	640	640

UBM	Basement, Unfinished	640	0
WDK	Deck, Wood	170	0
		2,730	1,920

### Extra Features

Extra FeaturesLegend

No Data for Extra Features

### Land

#### Land Use

**Use Code** 1010  
**Description** SINGLE FAM

#### Land Line Valuation

**Size (Acres)** 0.03  
**Depth** 0  
**Assessed Value** \$371,900

#### Valuation History

#### Assessment

Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2025	\$489,000	\$347,600	\$836,600
2024	\$445,700	\$316,000	\$761,700
2023	\$445,700	\$274,800	\$720,500

## History of the House

Architecture: Italianate, Rowhouses 5, 7, 9, 11, 13; Ca 1875, Rebuilt 1980 (After fire in 1978)

History:

Beck Street was laid out in 1762 from King Street (now Federal Street) to Pudding Lane (now Ship Street). In 1796 Beck Street was extended to Lime Street.

Sewell Brown Noyes built the 5-unit row house, it was referred to as a “tenement” back then, and each unit, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 Beck Street was sold to separate owners and each has changed hands multiple times since then.

Robert E. Charron and his wife Ruth owned 7 Beck Street in 1963. They had purchased the house in 1949, but in 1958 as their family grew they needed more space. They purchased and moved into 62 Federal Street, and continued to own and rent 7 Beck Street.

Robert, who was a civilian electrical contractor at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery Maine, was lost at sea when the nuclear submarine the USS Thresher sank off Cape Cod during sea trials. All 129 men on board perished when it exceeded its maximum dive depth.

In February 13, 1978, just after the infamous blizzard of 1978, one of the children living at 7 Beck Street dropped a match or candle and thinking that it had blown out, left the attic. That started the fire that grew to involve all 5 of the row houses. It became a 4 alarm fire with fire companies from Amesbury, Newbury, Ipswich, Georgetown, Rowley, West Newbury, Salisbury, Seabrook and Hampton, NH responding to the call. The fire fighting effort was hampered by the snow-narrowed and icy street, and buried and frozen fire hydrants. Five people were taken to Anna Jacques Hospital with injuries, but luckily no one was seriously hurt and all five houses were rebuilt.

## References:

‘Beck Street Rowhouse Damaged’, *Newburyport Daily News*, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1978, Tuesday.

New York Times Article on the Loss of USS Thresher, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1963, Thursday

7 Beck Street, If This House Could Talk, 2019