

# 1 PARSONS ST – Captain Micajah Lunt, Jr. House

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**Location**

1 PARSONS ST

**MBLU**

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**Owner**

HICKEY WILLIAM R

**Assessment**

\$1,340,700

**PID**

971

**Building Count**

1

**Current Value**

Assessment

Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2026	\$878,100	\$462,600	\$1,340,700

**Owner of Record**

**Owner** HICKEY WILLIAM R  
**Co-Owner**  
**Address** 1 PARSONS ST  
 NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950  
**Sale Price** \$0  
**Certificate**  
**Book & Page** 30517/0349

**Sale Date** 07/08/2011  
**Instrument** 1H

**Ownership History**

Ownership History

Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Instrument	Sale Date
HICKEY WILLIAM R	\$0		30517/0349	1H	07/08/2011
HICKEY WILLIAM R	\$570,000		18516/0039	00	03/28/2002
GRIBB JOHN J II	\$260,000		10089/0387	00	07/28/1989
ZABRISKIE ALBERT E -NANCY J	\$0		5433/0484		

**Building Information**

**Building 1 : Section 1**

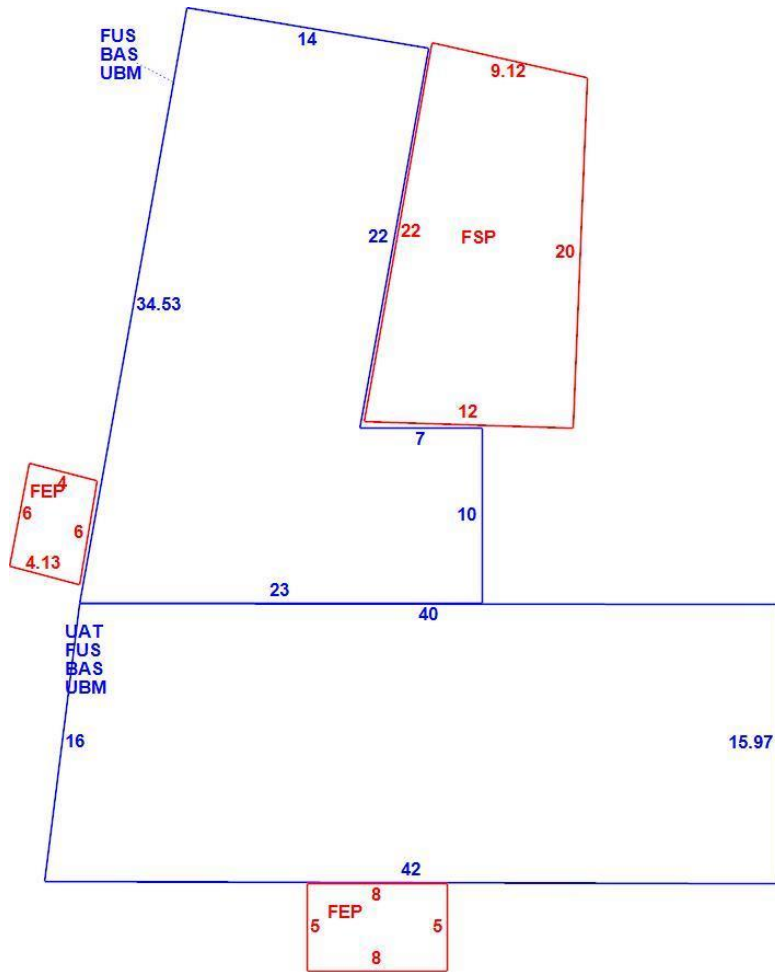
**Year Built:** Ca 1830 (City lists 1840)  
**Living Area:** 2,396

Building Attributes

Field	Description
Style:	Antique
Model	Residential

Grade:	Average +20
Stories:	2 Stories
Occupancy	1
Exterior Wall 1	Clapboard
Exterior Wall	
Roof Structure:	Gable/Hip
Roof Cover	Asph/F GlS/Cmp
Interior Wall1	Plastered
Interior Wall	
Interior Flr	Pine/Soft Wood
Interior Flr 2	Ceram Clay Til
Heat Fuel	Gas
Heat Type:	Hot Water
AC Type:	None
Total Bedrooms:	4 Bedrooms
Total Bthrms:	2
Total Half Baths:	
Total Xtra Fixtrs:	
Total Rooms:	8 Rooms
Cndtn	
Num Park	
Fireplaces	
Fndtn Cndtn	
Basement	

### Building Layout



Building Sub-Areas (sq ft)Legend

Code	Description	Gross Area	Living Area
BAS	First Floor	1,198	1,198
FUS	Upper Story, Finished	1,198	1,198
FEP	Porch, Enclosed	64	0
FSP	Porch, Screened	220	0
UAT	Attic	653	0
UBM	Basement, Unfinished	1,198	0
		4,531	2,396

Extra Features

### Extra Features Legend

Code	Description	Size	Value	Bldg #
FPL3	FIREPLACE 2 ST	2.00 UNITS	\$7,300	1
FPO	EXTRA FPL OPEN	3.00 UNITS	\$3,600	1

### Land

#### Land Use

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

#### Land Line Valuation

**Size (Acres)** 0.15  
**Depth** 0  
**Assessed Value** \$462,600

### Outbuildings

#### Outbuildings Legend

Code	Description	Sub Code	Sub Description	Size	Value	Bldg #
FGR1	GARAGE-AVE			324.00 S.F.	\$7,800	1

#### Valuation History

#### Assessment

Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2025	\$878,100	\$432,400	\$1,310,500
2024	\$838,900	\$393,100	\$1,232,000
2023	\$718,400	\$341,800	\$1,060,200

## History of the House

Architecture: Federal-style, Vernacular

## History

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Captain Micajah Lunt, Jr. was a lineal descendant of Henry Lunt who came from England and was one of the original grantees in the settlement of Newbury, in 1635, and who died there in 1662. His grandmother, wife of Abner Lunt, of Newbury, was Mirriam Coffin, descendant of Tristram Coffin. His mother was a daughter of Daniel Giddings, of Ipswich, Chebacco. His father was Captain Micajah Lunt, of Newbury, to whom we might apply the trite saying, "Like father, like son," both merchant ship-masters, both facing their country's foes upon the seas, both merchants after retiring from the quarter-deck, and both eminently successful in their pursuits and lives. His father devoted four years to the service of his country in the "volunteer navy" (as the privateers really were) of the War of the Revolution.

In 1813, when Micajah was but seventeen, he shipped on board several ships during the War of 1812-15, a war for the freedom of the seas. In 1815, he was commander of the brig "Olive," and made his first voyage to Nantz, France. It should be remembered that to be master of a ship then, was not alone to be navigator of the ship, but, also, a merchant trusted to sell the cargo out, and purchase the return cargo. He became an excellent French scholar.

At this time, in middle life he had his warehouse and his offices as a ship merchant on Ferry wharf. It was in these prosperous years that around 1830, he had constructed a loosely modeled, Federalist-style home as one of the earliest to be built on the new Parsons Street that General Parsons had constructed (which included Allen Street). This was just before he married his second wife in 1831.

For twenty years he was president of the Marine Society, an institution for the special benefit of sea captains and their families.

Captain Micajah was twice married — to Hannah Gyles Mulliken, daughter of Samuel Mulliken, in 1826, who died in 1829 without children; and again in 1831 to Mary Johnson Coffin, daughter of Edmund Coffin, of Newbury, a lineal descendant of Tristram Coffin, in the same degree as her husband. She survived him until June 19, 1878.

They had seven children, of whom only two survived him — Edmund Sydney Lunt, of New York, and Mary Coffin, wife of E. O. Shepard, of Boston, the well-known lawyer.

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