

59 Washington Street - Stephen H. Fowle House

**Location**

59 WASHINGTON ST

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Owner

SU JESSICA

Assessment

\$2,169,800

PID

3404

Building Count

1

Current Value**Assessment**

Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2026	\$1,735,100	\$434,700	\$2,169,800

Owner of Record

Owner SU JESSICA
Co-Owner MARK T/E
Address 59 WASHINGTON ST
NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950
Sale Price \$800,000
Certificate
Book & Page 29719/0100

Sale Date 08/27/2010
Instrument 00

Ownership History

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Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Instrument	Sale Date
SU JESSICA	\$800,000		29719/0100	00	08/27/2010
RANDOLPH ROBIN D	\$415,000		15196/0561	00	10/29/1998
PRAMBERG JOHN H JR	\$0		6023/0483		10/26/1973

Building Information

Building 1 : Section 1

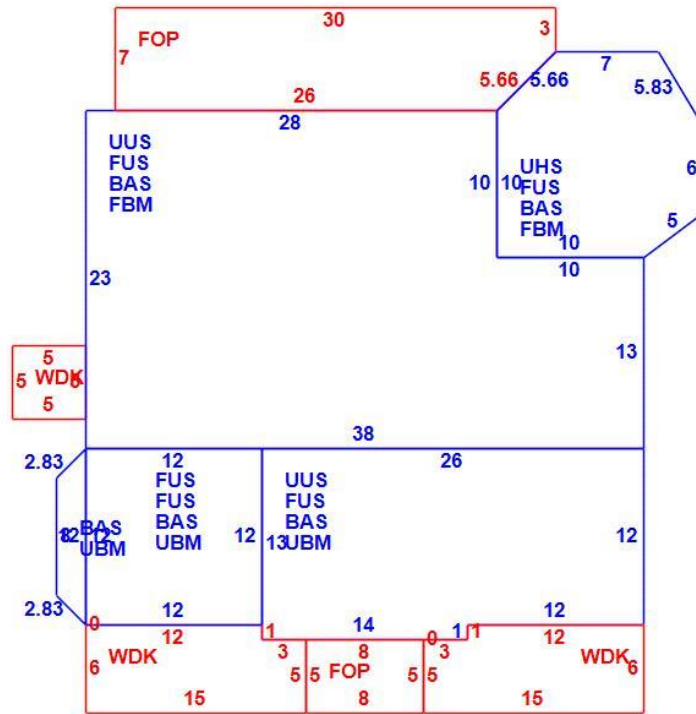
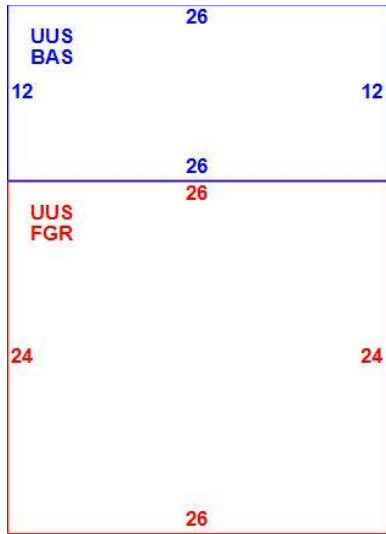
Year Built: 1867
Living Area: 3,314

Building Attributes

Field	Description
Style:	Conventional

Model	Residential
Grade:	Average +20
Stories:	3
Occupancy	1
Exterior Wall 1	Clapboard
Exterior Wall	
Roof Structure:	Mansard
Roof Cover	Slate
Interior Wall1	Plastered
Interior Wall	Drywall/Sheet
Interior Flr	Pine/Soft Wood
Interior Flr 2	Carpet
Heat Fuel	Oil
Heat Type:	Steam
AC Type:	Central
Total Bedrooms:	4 Bedrooms
Total Bthrms:	2
Total Half Baths:	1
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	1,751	1,751
FUS	Upper Story, Finished	1,563	1,563
FBM	Basement, Finished	949	0
FGR	Garage, Attached	624	0
FOP	Porch, Open	242	0
UBM	Basement, Unfinished	490	0
UHS	Half Story, Unfinished	175	0

UUS	Upper Story, Unfinished	2,036	0
WDK	Deck, Wood	199	0
		8,029	3,314

Land

Land Use

Use Code 1010
Description SINGLE FAM

Land Line Valuation

Size (Acres) 0.34
Depth 0
Assessed Value \$434,700

Valuation History

Assessment

Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2025	\$1,544,500	\$406,300	\$1,950,800
2024	\$1,408,300	\$369,400	\$1,777,700
2023	\$1,408,300	\$321,200	\$1,729,500

History of the House

Architectural Style: Second Empire

Year Built: 1867

History

The Fowle House at 59 Washington Street, survives as a wonderfully preserved example of a High-style Second Empire single-family home. Built in 1867 for Stephen H. Fowle, a local newsagent and founder of Fowle's Market, the house remains much as it did at the time of construction.

Heavily ornamented, the house retains all of its original character defining wood embellishments, including a heavily bracketed cornice. The home's front entryway capped in a bell-shaped gable and intricate entry porch conveys its imposing Victorian style down to street level. The rusticated wood siding, chamfered porch supports, turned balustrades, window moldings and decorative cornice brackets all embody the lasting craftsmanship of the building and the machine-made decorative elements available at the time of construction.

The fine architectural detailing of the home's interior matches that of the heavily ornamented exterior. A black walnut newel post and banister with turned balusters swoops up the large staircase in the central hall. Decorative white marble mantels surround coal hearths. Wide fluted casings surround the homes' many paneled doors. Note the door hardware with crystal knob and silver plating manufactured by Boston's premiere 19th century hardware manufacturer, Enoch Robinson.

In 1911, the house was purchased by Nicholas Arakelian, a close friend and business partner of Stephen Fowle's widow Hannah. Hannah sold the house to Arakelian by loaning him a mortgage of \$3,800.00. Arakelian continued to own and live at the house until after World War II. Weeks after the war ended he sold the house to Joseph and Irene McLaughlin.

They owned the home until 1973 when it was sold to John Pramberg, president of Institution for Savings, and his wife Noreen. In 1998 the home was sold to Robin Randolph, a businesswoman from Andover, Massachusetts. In 2008, Robin's son Kempton Randolph, the current owner, and his father Bruce undertook the extensive restoration of the home.

In 2010, the house was sold to Mark & Jessica Su.

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