

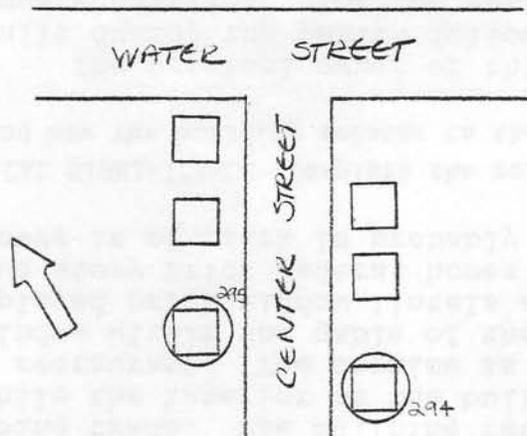
Area	Form no.
	295

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 10 Center Street
 Historic Name "Ten Center Street"
 Original Residence
 Present Commercial/Restaurant
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

Draw map showing property location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1815
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear, (date unknown), building converted from duplex to restaurant (1972), dormer added (1979)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 5,744 sq. ft.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 9-29-80

Setting adjacent to the Market Square Historic District and Newburyport's Water Street which runs along the banks of the Merrimack River.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This two story house is a fine example of a Newburyport home built during the Federal period when the area prospered due to ocean going trade. The building retains several original exterior features while the interior of the building has been totally gutted to accommodate a restaurant. The cornice is simple yet Federal in style. The Palladian window within the gable of the pitched roof is exceptional and the splayed brick window lintels are also worthy of note. There are few two story brick Federal homes in Newburyport today. The fact that this house is of brick is probably due to the fact that it is located

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The original owner of this house is not known. It was undoubtedly built during the period following the fire that decimated the Market Square district. For the next two decades all construction in this area was of brick.

By 1851, this house was acquired by William Porter. Porter is listed in the city directory for that year as a truckman. In 1872 the house belonged to James Augusta Adams, also of that same occupation.

This house was at one time converted to a two family house. It became vacant after a period of neglect and non-payment of taxes. In 1972, the building was purchased and remodeled. Today the building is occupied by the restaurant Ten Center Street.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

within the area burned in the great fire of 1811.

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