

FORM B - BUILDING

Area A	Form no. 26
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Newburyport

Address 114 High Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1870

Source 1851, 1872 Maps of Newburyport

Style Italian Villa - Second Empire

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 3,660 sq. ft.

Setting on Newburyport's main

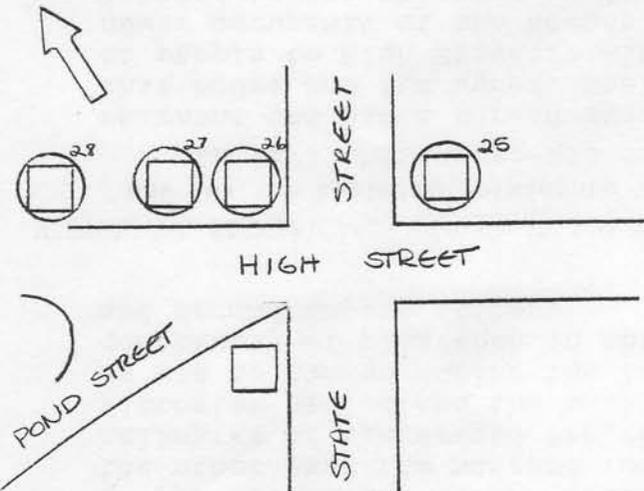
thoroughfare noted for its excellent

examples of domestic architecture

dating from the Colonial period through
the early 20th Century.



Location in _____
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



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Development

Date 8-11-80

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

This house has elements of both the Italian Villa and Second Empire styles. The tower on the Northwestern side of the house is a typical feature of the Italianate style as are the window lintels. On the other hand the mansard roof and curved bead window domers are hallmarks of the Second Empire style. This house was built during the Victorian period and the builder chose elements of each of these styles as was so common during the latter half of the nineteenth century. The complexity of plan seen in this house is typical of both the Italianate and Second Empire styles.

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

In 1872 this house was owned by John Buntin. Buntin was a merchant and had a thread store at 58 State Street. As is evidenced by this house and its owner, the mid-nineteenth century brought a new group of people to High Street. Although of the upper class, some of the newer occupants of the houses on High Street were more peripherally related to the shipping trades. This is also indicative of the changes occurring in the economy of Newburyport. No longer dependent solely on the fruits of the Merrimack River and an ocean going trade, the city had by this time turned to industry for much of its wealth.

The house at 114 High Street was used as a residence except for a period during this century when it was used as a lodge by the American Legion.

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