

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 12-14-16-18 Spring Street

Historic Name _____

Original Multiple Residence

Present Multiple Residence

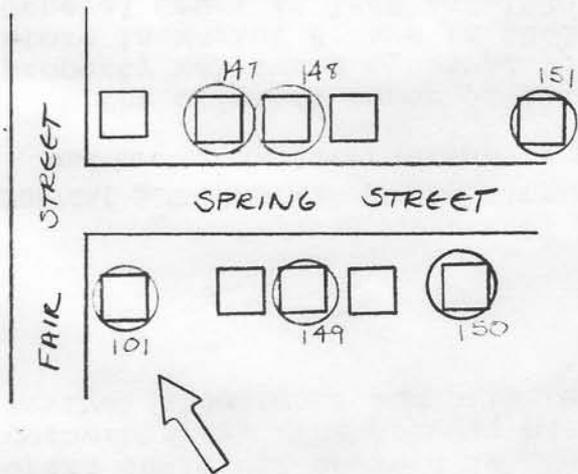
Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date Pre-1872

Source 1872 Map of Newburyport

Style Italianate

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 7,550 sq. ft.

Setting in densely built up area

in which the predominant building

type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 09-28-80

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

This house is typical of many of the homes built in Newburyport's neighborhoods during the Greek Revival period. The influence of the Greek style can be seen in the wide fascia in the cornice and in the bold cornerboards. The doorway has been altered and no longer has the Greek Revival sidelights and pilasters characteristic of the style.

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. In 1872, the property was owned by David T. Woodwell. Woodwell opened a hardware store in Market Square in 1845. He served as a representative to the General Court in 1869 and 1870. Woodwell was a descendent of Gideon Woodwell, the founder of the Woodwell shipyard. He was also a director of the public library, the Ocean National Bank, and the Newburyport Five Cent Saving Bank.

David Woodwell had numerous trading interests. He was part owner of the vessels "Lizzie H. Kimball", "Hattie E. Smith", and "John H. Pearson", all built in Newburyport's shipyards.

In 1887, Mary W. Woodwell sold the house to Edward and Elizabeth Hale. Hale was boxmaker at 36 Water Street. In 1909 the house was sold to Daniel Sullivan who was listed in the city directory as a driver.

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