

FORM B - BUILDING

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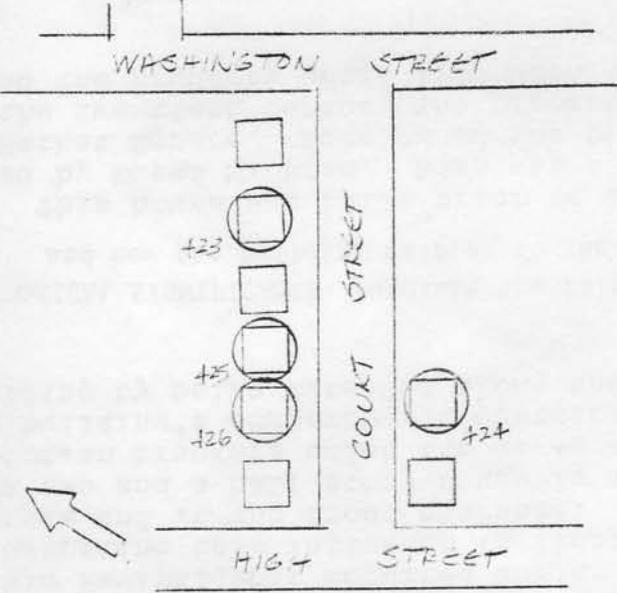
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Boston, MA 02108



Location Newburyport  
 Address 12 Court Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 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. 1870  
 Source 1872 Plan of Newburyport  
 Style Vernacular Victorian Gothic  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings Garage  
 Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear, (date unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 5,850 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area adjacent to the High Street historic district.



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

This house is vernacular in style but does exhibit the influence of the Gothic Revival that occurred during the Victorian period. The detail illustrating this influence is limited to the pointed arch in the window lintels and in the front entrance. The double window in the roof gable of this two and a half story house is also noteworthy, as are the cut-out Victorian brackets under the eaves and ornamenting the shed at the doorway. The building's cornerboards contribute to the vertical character of this building by being extended along the roof line to the roof's ridge.

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

This house was built prior to 1872. At that time, the building was owned by Moses M. Ross. Ross was a grocer. His store was located at 35 Market Square. Ross owned the property through 1884. Around the turn of the twentieth century the property was purchased by Ella C. Hatch. She owned the property until 1919 when sold the house to Caroline Low.

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