

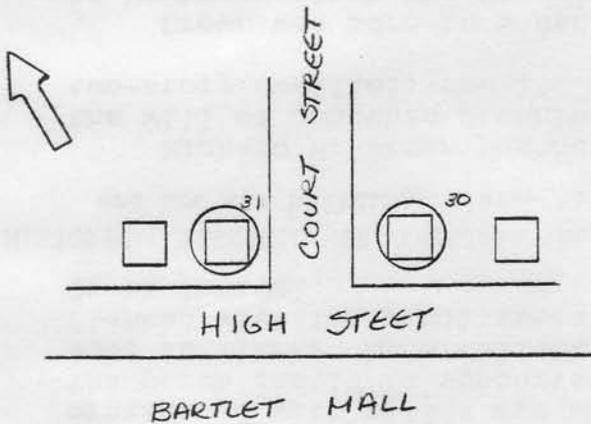
FORM B - BUILDING

Area A	Form no. 30
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



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



Newburyport

Address 146 High Street

Historic Name Richard W. Drown House

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Richard W. Drown

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1842

Source Currier, "History of Nbpt."

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 9,300 sq. ft.

Setting across from the Bartlet Mall and the Court House designed by

Charles Bulfinch on Newburyport's main residential thoroughfare.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community

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 is Greek Revival in style as were so many of the homes that were built in Newburyport during the middle of the nineteenth century. This house is unusual however in the degree of simple details that was used. Often the Greek Revival influence is seen only in the doorway and cornice of the building. In this case the windows are ornamented with bull's eye cornerblocks as is the enclosed main entrance. The porch itself is supported by fluted Greek Ionic columns. The front door is flanked by sidelights with a large oblong light above. It is flanked with Ionic pilasters. The other doorways are simple yet typically Greek Revival.

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

Richard W. Drown purchased this parcel of land from the trustees of the will of Jonathan Greenleaf in 1842. Shortly thereafter he built the two-story dwelling, now 146 High Street.

Drown was born in South Newmarket, New Hampshire in 1795. He came to Newburyport at the age of about fifteen and took up the trade of a watch and clock maker. His shop was located on Merrimack Street opposite the foot of Green Street for many years.

Mr. Drown lived in this house until his death in 1888. At that time he made bequests to the Howard Benevolent Society and to the Ladies General Charitable Society. He also left his home to his son Thomas S. Drown to live in until his death at which time it was to be conveyed to the North Congregational Church and society, "to be used only as a parsonage for said church forever". Drown used the rest of his estate to set up a fund for the care of indigent men.

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