



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

This two story building with hipped roof is noteworthy as it is one of very few wooden buildings not constructed for residential use surviving in Newburyport today. Built originally as a school, the architectural details of this building are very simple. The cornice may originally have been more detailed but today is merely a series of flat boards. The symmetrical three bay facade with double hung window sash with six over six lights are Federal features. The doorway has been altered and today is ornamented with Victorian brackets.

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

This building was originally built near the town hay scales on the Bartlet Mall. On March 9, 1780, the town selectmen were authorized "to build a new schoolhouse, for the North school to be kept in ...somewhere near the Hay scale on the Town land." The building was probably erected shortly thereafter.

In 1823, the wooden school house was moved from the Mall to Center Street to be used as a private residence.

In 1851 the building was owned by Charles Bevan and William Jewett. Bevan was a house carpenter and Jewett was a blacksmith. Neither of the men lived in the building. It was probably owned as an investment property.

Today this house is a multiple family dwelling containing four apartments.

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