

FORM B - BUILDING

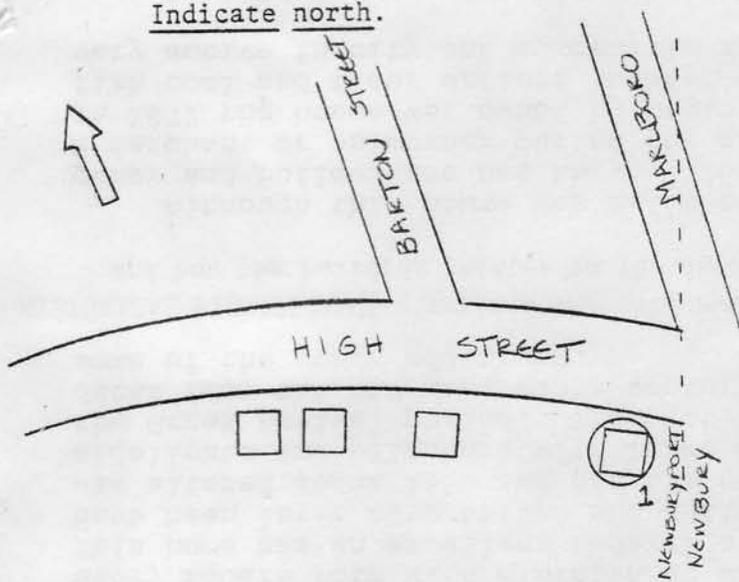
Area A	Form no. 1
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
Address 19 High Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1800
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage and Barn
 Major alterations (with dates) additions at rear, bay window added, doorway altered, (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 1.7 acre
 Setting on Newburyport's main thoroughfare noted for its excellent examples of domestic architecture dating from the Colonial period through the early 20th century.

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

This house was built around the turn of the 19th century. It has many of the hallmarks of the Federal style including the typical three story square form with diminishing window size in the upper floors. This home has an excellent Federal cornice and window caps. There have been later alterations and additions to the structure. The doorway was altered about 1850 and has the heavy proportion and flanking sidelights and pilasters with large oblong light above indicative of the Greek Revival period. The cast iron fence in front of the building dates from the mid-nineteenth century, possibly from the same time as some of the other additions.

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

Although this house was built early in the 19th century, its original owner and builder are not known. The house was most probably built by a merchant or shipowner during the heyday of Newburyport's shipping. In 1872 the house was owned by David and Isaac Hale of D. and I. Hale, fish coal and flour dealers located at 14 City Wharf. The Hale's were very active in city and mercantile affairs.

In 1869 Isaac and David Hale were incorporators of the Merrimac Marine Railway Company which subsequently built a marine railway on Ring's Island in Salisbury. Isaac Hale served as alderman for Ward One in 1860 and 1861. David Hale was an incorporator of the First National Bank in Newburyport. The brothers also held interests in several vessels including the 162 ton Schooner Hale built by Joseph Coffin in 1852.

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