



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

This two family dwelling is typical of the homes built in the industrial area of Newburyport during the middle decades of the nineteenth century. The style is Greek Revival which persisted until nearly the end of the century in this type of domestic architecture. The building is extremely simple. The only hints of the Greek Revival style are seen in the trabeated doorway with wide fascia in the entablature, and sidelights at either side of the doors. The cornice molding and cornerboards, though simple, are also characteristic of the period.

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

This two family house was built between 1851 and 1872. This entire neighborhood was being built up during the latter half of the nineteenth century because of the industries of cotton and shoe manufacture that had been established in the North End.

In 1872 the house was owned by Merrill E. Currier, mariner. Although the surrounding area is primarily related to the factories established in the North End during the nineteenth century, the Merrimack River was still a very strong force in the community. The men associated with the shipbuilding industry though concentrated along Merrimack Street and side streets like Oakland, lived throughout the North End.

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