

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

This house is significant in that it is one of very few Victorian Gothic buildings in the City of Newburyport. The house is probably a vernacular interpretation of the High Victorian Gothic style. The pointed arch is, of course, a Gothic feature. In the High Victorian Gothic the details such as porch rails are heavier and lack the feeling of delicacy seen in the Early Gothic Revival. The external woodwork of the later revival is solid rather than gingerbread ornament. This is seen in both the roof gables and in the simple window frames of the building. The roof lines in this house are varied with

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

At the turn of the nineteenth century this lot of land was part of a larger parcel owned by William Hoyt. In 1813 the land was conveyed to Thomas Cary who willed it to Howard College for the benefit of young men studying for the Christian ministry. The land was sold to Ephraim W. Allen, proprietor and publisher of the Newburyport Herald in 1831 who then sold it to Charles W. Storey and Thomas W. Burnham.

The land was partitioned after Storey's death and in 1862 this lot assigned to Thomas Burnham, was sold to William W. Goodwin. Goodwin built the house presently standing on the site. The house has had very few owners. In 1913 it passed to Mary E. Goodwin upon the death of her husband.

In 1920 the house was sold to Eudora C. Hamilton, the wife of Robert D. Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton lived in the house until her death in the spring of 1980. In her will the house was left to the City of Newburyport. Whether or not the City will accept the bequest has yet to be decided.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 46
Property Name: Goodwin-Hamilton Hse. 223 High Street	

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

several gables. This too is a feature of the style. The porch rails exhibit the contrast in scale typical of the Victorian Gothic. Here there are large and small versions of similar pointed arch motifs.

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