

FORM B - BUILDING

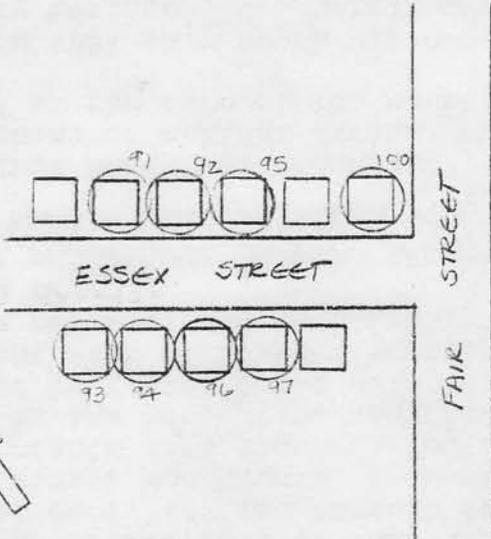
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 100 State Street Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
 Address 22 Essex Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

Draw map showing building 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
 Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 5,453 sq. ft.
 Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

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

This house is an exceptional example of the gambrel roofed homes built in Newburyport at the turn of the nineteenth century. The gambrel roof, favored because it provided excellent head room in the attic story, was popular in Newburyport into the Federal period. The most notable architectural feature of this house is the front entrance. It is in the projecting central bay which is pedimented. The door is flanked by fluted Doric pilasters and is surmounted by a semi-circular fanlight with delicate tracery. The mouldings around the fanlight and in the pediment and entablature are elaborate. This doorway is exceptional in all details. (cont.)

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

This house was undoubtedly built by a person of means, probably a merchant or mariner during Newburyport's most prosperous economic period at the turn of the nineteenth century.

In 1851 this house was owned by Tristram Chase. Chase had a grocery business at 3 Merrimac Street. By 1872 the property had been conveyed to Rev. Randolph Campbell, of the Fourth Religious Society of Newburyport. Rev. Campbell came to Newburyport from Woodbridge, New Jersey in 1837. He was the pastor of the Prospect Street Meetinghouse between 1837 and 1877.

Today this house contains three apartments.

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