

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 224 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 25 Charter Street

Historic Name Capt. Jacob B. Brown House

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1850

Source 1851 Map of Newburyport

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

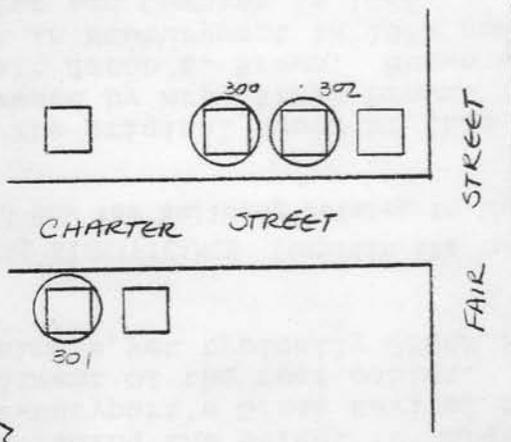
Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 5,664 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area adjacent to the central business district.

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



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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 9-20-80

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

This building is Greek Revival in style and is typical of dwellings built throughout Newburyport between 1840 and 1860. The building's main entrance is on the eastern side. It is Greek Revival with sidelights, flanking pilasters and bold entablature. The end of the house facing the street is three bays and resembles the facades of many of Newburyport's Greek Revival homes. The continuous cornice creates a pediment of the roof gables. The cornice, cornerboards and doorway are all simple, yet typically Greek Revival.

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

The original owner of this house is unknown. In 1851, the building was owned by Mrs. Sarah Brown. In 1872, it was owned and occupied by Captain Jacob B. Brown. Brown was part owner of the Bark "A. W. Stevens" built in Newburyport in 1863 and of the Ship "Agate" built by C. H. Currier and Company in 1868.

The house remained in the Brown family until the end of the nineteenth century.

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