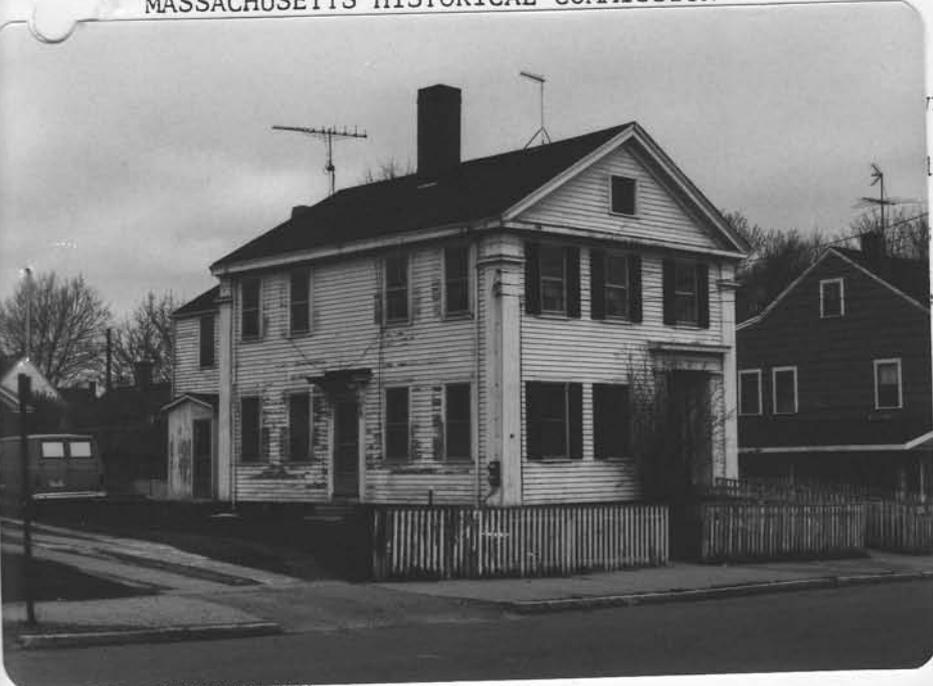


FORM B - BUILDING

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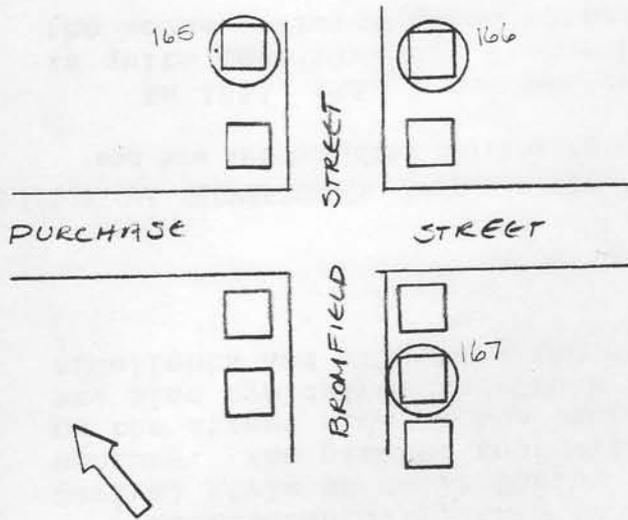
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 34-36 Bromfield Street
 Historic Name Captain Benjamin Pierce
 House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1840
 Source _____
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) additions
at rear. (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 7,890 Sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of
predominantly eighteenth century
single family dwellings adjacent to
the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community
Development
 Date 10-22-80

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Architecturally, this is an excellent example of the Greek Revival style as built during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The pitched roof with continuous cornice form a pediment on the street side of the house. The bold classical cornerboards are also typical of the Greek style as is the doorway, flanked by sidelights and pilasters and surmounted by bold entablature.

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

In 1851, this house was owned by Captain Benjamin Pierce. It is quite possible that Pierce was the original owner and builder of the house. Pierce owned interest in several Merrimack-built vessels.

By 1872, the house had been sold to Mrs. Joseph Small and Mrs. Mary C. Small was also in residence.

By 1884, this house had been sold to a member of the Gerrish family. In 1908 Jene Lunt acquired the house through the will of Sarah Gerrish. In 1918 Sidney Drowne became the owner of the property.

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