

FORM B - BUILDING

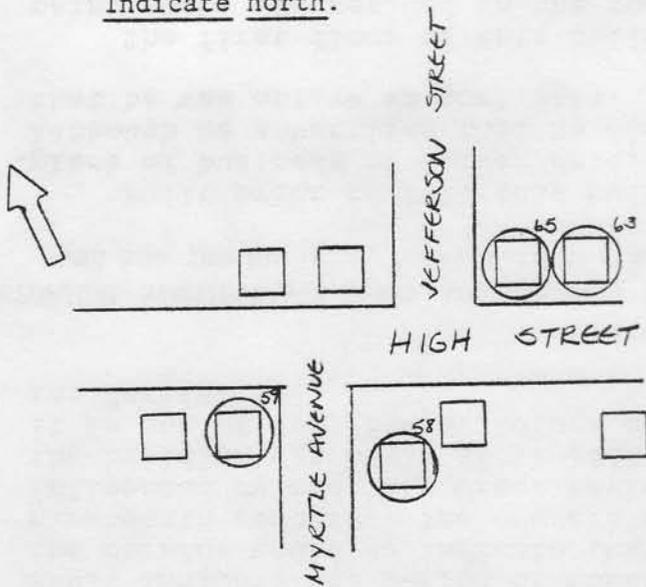
Area A	Form no. 59
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
Address 341 High Street
Historic Name Oliver Hale Building
Original Residence and paint shop
Present Residence and store
Ownership: Private individual
Private organization
Public
Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date pre 1871
Source 1872 Map of Newburyport
Style Vernacular
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Shingles
Outbuildings
Major alterations (with dates) addition
at rear, resided with shingles,
storefront and shed dormer added (d
unknown)
Moved _____ Date _____
Approx. acreage 10,500 sq. ft.
Setting on Newburyport's main
thoroughfare noted for its excellent
examples of domestic architecture
dating from the Colonial period thro
the early 20th century.

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 Organization Office of Community
Development
 Date 8-17-80

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

This building is vernacular in style with few elements that would indicate the period of construction. The brick foundation and the cornice moulding indicate that the structure dates from the nineteenth century. The overall form of the building is apparently influenced by the late Greek Revival style. This would suggest that the building was built after 1845. This building is unusual in that it is one of very few buildings on High Street that was not strictly residential.

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

Built prior to 1871 this building was used as the residence and place of business of Oliver Hale. Hale was a house and sign painter. Although he advertised that he also worked on ships there is no evidence that he was active in that area.

The first floor of this building was undoubtedly used as Hale's paint shop. He resided in the rooms above. The building has continued to have a mixed residential and commercial use to the present day.

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