

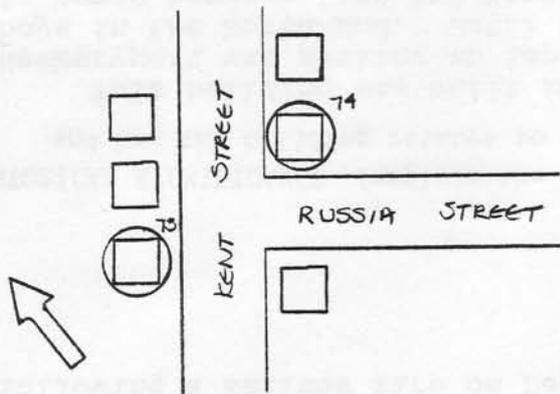
FORM B - BUILDING

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



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



Newburyport

Address 35-37 Kent Street

Historic Name _____

Original School House

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Town of Newburyport

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1805

Source J.J. Currier, History of NBPT.

Style _____

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 3,220 sq. ft.

Setting In residential area adjacent to industrial complex originally occupied by the Ocean Steam Mills.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 7/28/80

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

This building's original Federal period character has been obscured by later alterations to the structure. The present architectural elements date, for the most part, a very recent renovation following a serious fire on December 17, 1972.

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

This building was built in 1805. At this time the town of Newburyport was seeking to improve the school accommodations for the boys in the North End. Until this time schools were, for the most part in homes between Lime and Kent Street. In 1805 this two story brick building was built as a schoolhouse. It served this purpose for nearly fifty years. In 1854 the building was sold and converted to a dwelling.

The house has suffered several fires and periods of disuse. A complete renovation was undertaken between 1975 and 1978.

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