

FORM B - BUILDING

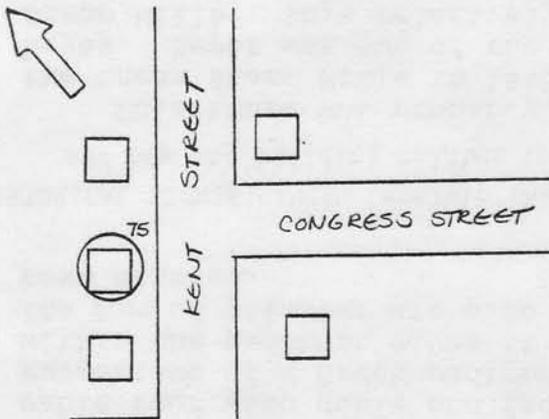
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport  
Box 38 Kent Street  
 Historic Name William Keyes House  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 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 c. 1850  
 Source 1851 Map of Newburyport  
 Style Greek Revival  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings Store, built early 20th century and gutted by fire in 1973.  
 Major alterations (with dates) Doorway altered, addition at North-west side (dates unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 10,618 sq. ft.  
 Setting In residential area adjacent to industrial complex originally occupied by the Ocean Steam Mills.

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

This house is a vernacular example of the Greek Revival style. This type of building was built in great numbers in Newburyport between 1840 and 1860. The original elements that remain in this example are the gable roof with gable end facing the street with continuous cornice suggestive of a Greek pediment. The use of notched horizontal boards within the pediment gives it additional emphasis. The cornerboards in the form of pilaster are also typical. The doorway of this house has been altered.

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 probably built shortly after the incorporation of the Ocean Steam Mills in 1845. In 1851 the house was owned by William Keyes. Keyes was one of the overseer for the weaving room of the Ocean Steam Mills. This relatively substantial home was of the type generally built by those in charge of the Mill and its employees. The employees themselves lived in the more modest cottages or in the tenements many of which took in boarders.

By 1872 this house has been conveyed to Edward S. Stickney. Stickney was a peddler and probably operated his business directly out of his home.

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