

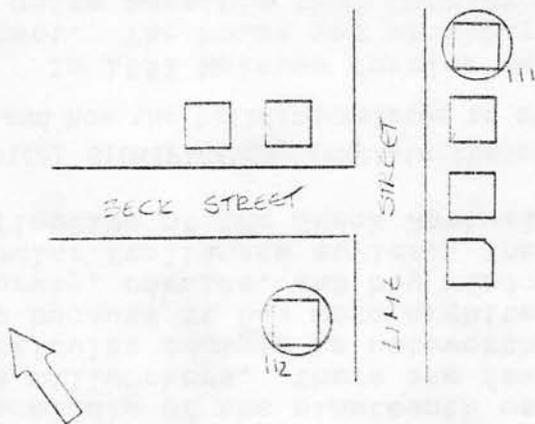
FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 _____ Street, Boston, MA 02108



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



City Newburyport
 Address 38 Lime Street
 Historic Name _____
 : Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1850
 Source 1851 Map of Newburyport
 Style Vernacular Victorian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 3,880 sq. ft.
 Setting in densely built up area in
which the predominant building type
is that of eighteenth century single
family dwellings.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort
 Organization Office of Community
 Development
 Date 10-04-80

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

This one and one half story house with gable roof is similar to many of the houses built in the North End of Newburyport during the middle of the nineteenth century. These houses were built for the millworkers. There are few of these houses in the South End. This particular example is noteworthy, not only because of its location, but because it has more architectural ornament than many others. The doorway, cornice, and bay window all have brackets inspired by the popular Italianate styles. The moulding behind the brackets is reflective of the Greek Revival style which remained popular

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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 Matthew Currier was the owner of the house at 38 Lime Street. The house was probably built several years earlier and it is quite possible that Currier was the original owner of the building.

Matthew Currier was a shoemaker. His shop was located nearby at 32 Lime Street. In 1851, the house itself was 34 Lime Street.

It was during this period that the textile and shoemaking industries began to prosper in the city of Newburyport. Shoemaking was a cottage-industry that developed into a major manufacturing business between 1860 and 1880. Currier undoubtedly prospered as is evidenced by his relatively up-to-date home.

In 1869, this house was sold to Isaac Poor. Poor was a grocer and his store was at 93 Water Street. Hannah Poor, Isaac's widow conveyed the house to her son, Isaac Poor, Jr. who owned the property until 1930. At that time the house was sold to Moses Stevens.

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