

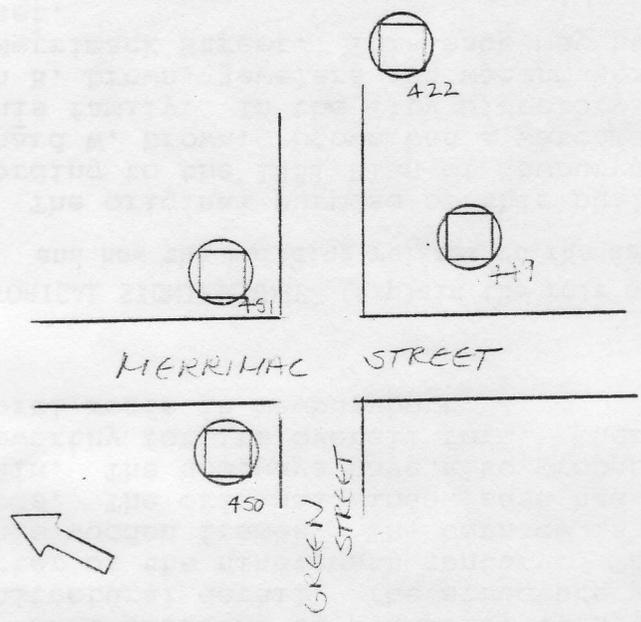
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Street Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 40 Merrimac Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Commercial
 Present Commercial
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:
 Date pre 1850
 Source Building Fabric
 Style _____
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) addition on eastern side (recent)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 15,102 sq. ft.
 Setting in commercial area on the banks of the Merrimack River and adjacent to the Market Square Historic District.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This building is primarily utilitarian in nature with little architectural detail. The structure probably dates from the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The doorways and window have simple wooden frames. The cornice is also detailed with simple flat boards. The original window sash had six over six lights some of which remain. The doorways have also probably been altered. The building is noteworthy for its overall form. There are few brick structures with gambrel roofs in Newburyport.

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

The original purpose of this building has not been fully documented. According to the 1851 Plan of Newburyport, the property was owned by Richard W. Drown. Drown was a watchmaker as were several other members of his family. In the City Directory of 1851 the firm of Charles and John B. Drown, jewelers and watchmaker were listed as doing business at 36 Merrimack Street. This shop may have been in what is now 40 Merrimack Street.

This building remained in the Drown family until the late nineteenth century. It presently houses Davis Auto Electric.

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