

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



n Newburyport

ress 44-46 Merrimac Street

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: Original Industrial

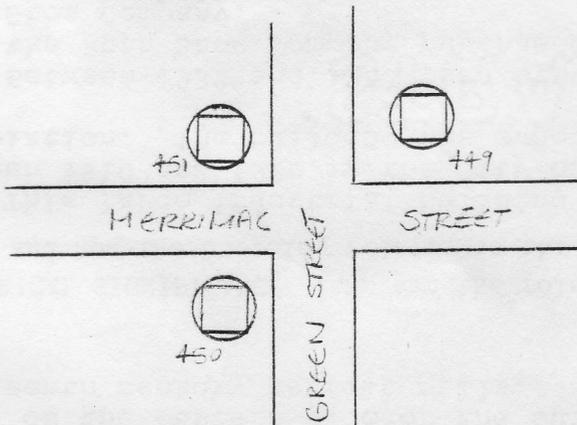
Present Industrial

ership: Private individual
 Private organization
Geonautics Inc.

Public _____

Original owner Newburyport Building Association

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1915

Source Building Facade

Style Factory

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 28,061 sq. ft.

Setting on the banks of the Merrimack River in an area of mixed commercial and industrial uses.

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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 12-10-80

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

Architecturally this building is quite typical of early twentieth century industrial structures. This two story brick building with flat roof has little architectural detail. The building is seven bays wide and twenty-eight bays deep. Each window bay is recessed creating an almost pilaster like effect between the bay. Features of the building that are worthy of note include squared window lintels and the stair tower on the eastern side of the building reminiscent of those seen in nineteenth century textile mills.

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

This large industrial building was one of three such buildings constructed between 1910 and 1920 in the City of Newburyport, by the Newburyport Building Association. The building was owned by the association for about a decade.

Between 1938 and 1963 this structure served as a shoe factory. In 1938 the Ruth Shoe Company purchased the property. In 1960 it was sold to Port Shoe Company.

In 1963 the Small Business Administration became the proprietor of this structure. In 1964, the present tenant, Geonautics, Inc. took possession of the building.

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