

FORM B - BUILDING

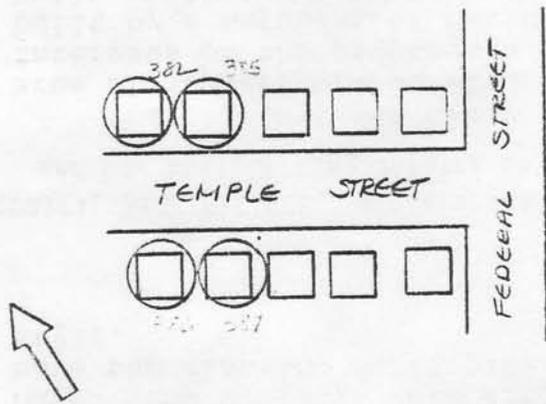
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 Street Boston MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 52-54 Temple Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 18th century  
 Source \_\_\_\_\_  
 Style Colonial  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Asbestos shingle  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear, front entrance altered, siding applied (dates unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 4,620 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area of 18th and 19th century homes.

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

This house was probably built in the middle of the eighteenth century. The building has lost many of its original architectural features. The overall form of the building with six over six double hung window sash are indicative of an eighteenth century construction date. The doorways were altered during the Greek Revival period and have the flanking Doric pilasters and bold entablature typical of that style.

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 and early owners of this house are not known. This area of Newburyport developed around the maritime and mercantile interests of the eighteenth century, however. This house was probably built by a merchant or mariner before Newburyport's wealthier class built their large homes on High Street.

In 1851 this house was owned by Horace W. Bartlett of the firm B. T. Bartlett and Company. They sold boots and shoes at 50 State Street. By this time the neighborhood had become more of a working class area and many of the residents worked in the nearby textile and shoe mills.

Before 1872 the property was purchased by James G. Read and James E. Kimball. Read had a job wagon and Kimball was a surveyor of lumber.

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