

FORM B - BUILDING

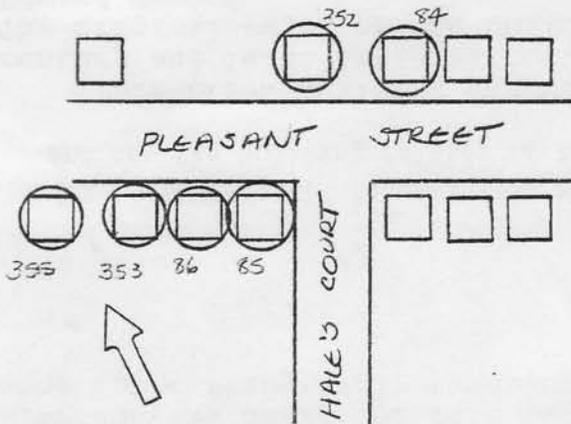
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 55-57 Pleasant Street
 Historic Name Lunt Building
 Original Use Commercial
 Present Use Commercial
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1900
 Source Assessor's Records
 Style Commercial
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) Storefronts altered (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 8,733 sq. ft.

Setting in Newburyport's commercial district adjacent to the Market

Square Historic District and across from the Church of the First Religious Society.

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 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 9-20-80

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

This building is an interesting early twentieth century commercial building. The structure is primarily of brick but the facade has wooden elements and panels and cornice of architectural pressed metal. Although the design of this building lacks sophistication it does have some interesting early twentieth century features.

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

This brick building was constructed at the turn of the twentieth century and is an integral part of Newburyport's commercial district. The original owner of the building is unknown but it may have been Edward Osgood.

Edward Osgood was a Newburyport businessman. In 1912 his wife, Jennie, sold 55-57 Pleasant Street to Laurette Chase, wife of William Chase, another prominent downtown merchant.

Since its construction this building has been occupied by a mixture of commercial uses. Today it houses a clothing store, an electric company and several offices.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Assessor's Records 1890-1980
1912, 1921 City Directories