

FORM B - BUILDING

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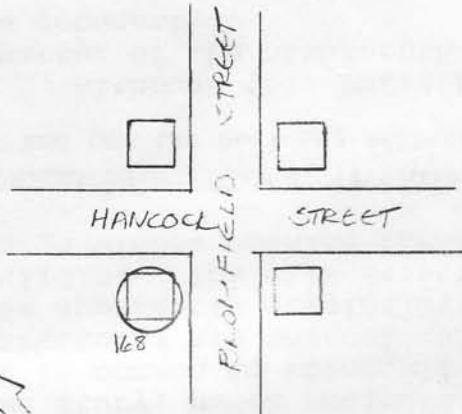
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 56-58 Bromfield Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence/shop
 Present Residence
 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 Early nineteenth century
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) fenestration and doorways altered (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 3,710 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of predominantly eighteenth century single family residences.



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

This house is unique in Newburyport. Though not high style it has some fine Federal features. The splayed window lintels and the splayed lintels with simulated keystones are quite exceptional. The two story, pitch roofed form is also unusual in Newburyport although it is common to vernacular buildings of the period. Brick domestic structures are unusual in this section of the city. This structure was apparently originally built as a mixed residential and commercial building. The Milk Street side of the structure had, at one time, a large window opening for a storefront.

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

Although this building was probably built during the first quarter of the nineteenth century, the earliest owners have yet to be documented.

On the 1851 map of Newburyport the building owner is noted as P. Dodge. Dodge is not listed in the city directory for that year.

In 1872 Jeremiah Allen was the owner and occupant of this building. Allen was a grocer. His business and residence were both located in this building, then 52 Milk Street.

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