

FORM B - BUILDING

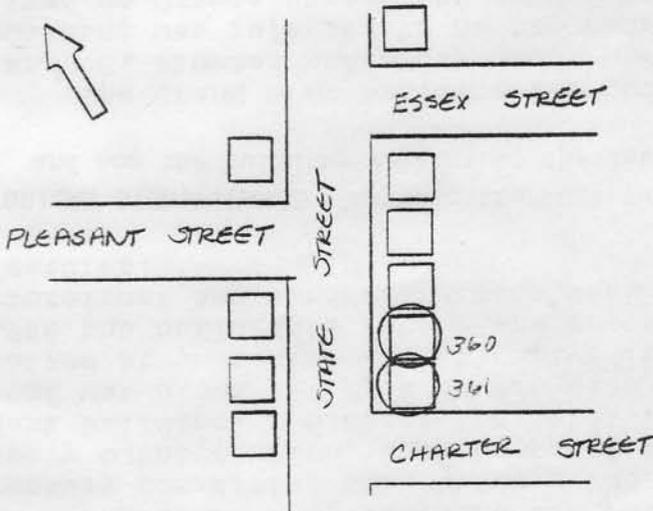
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
204 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 57 State Street
 Historic Name Grand Army Building
 Original Commercial
 Present Commercial
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

Location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:
 Date 1861
 Source Memorial Hall Association, "souvenir"
 Style Italianate Commercial
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) Extensive renovations (1882), facade renovation (1966)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 1,848 sq. ft.
 Setting in the central business district, adjacent to Market Square Historic District.

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

The Grand Army Building has features typical of mid-nineteenth century commercial structures. The only feature intact today, is the heavy cornice which, when compared to the Federal period Merchants Bank Building, indicates the later construction date. The building's roof was blown off by a severe gale in April 1882. The roofline was raised at that time and extensive interior renovations were made. In 1966 the building's facade was renovated. At that time the present storefront and window shutters were added, replacing the earlier Italianate features.

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

The Grand Army Building was built between 1851 and 1871. In 1871, Henry C. Plummer had a dry goods business here. For many years, the building was referred to as the Henry C. Plummer Building. Plummer lived on Orange Street and served as alderman from Ward Three in 1892.

On March 9, 1877, this building was purchased by the Albert W. Bartlett Post No. 49 of the Grand Army of the Republic as a memorial building. It is quite possible that the building was renovated at that time. The post had been organized by Captain J. T. Lurvey on February 20, 1868. Post No. 49 occupied the third floor of the building, and rented the lower floors to a variety of businesses.

The building was sold to a private individual in 1966 and was extensively remodeled at that time.

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