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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 58-60 Prospect Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner _____

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1890

Source Assessor's Records

Style _____

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingles, clapboards, wooden panels

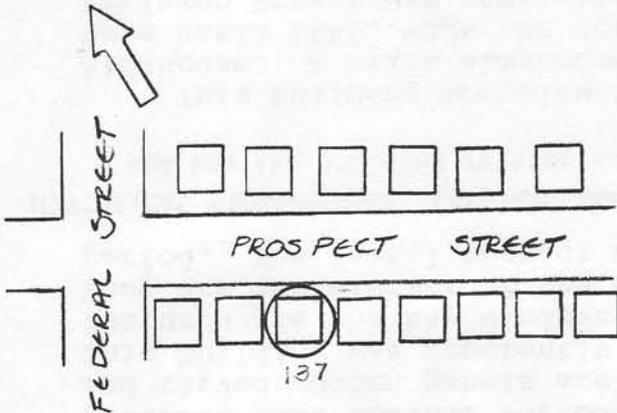
Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 5,530 sq. ft.

Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 10-04-80

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

This building is of interest architecturally because it is one of very few buildings built in the last decade of the nineteenth century in Newburyport with features of the Victorian styles, then in decline, and the colonial revival gaining popularity. This building has Queen Anne features that include various surface textures. Shingles, clapboards, and carved wooden panels are all seen on the surface of this building. This building was apparently built to house apartments. Other Victorian features are the bay windows and the brackets that ornament the doorway. They are reminiscent of the carpenter Gothic details popular during this period. The dentil cornice and the flat roof, as well as the overall

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

This building occupies the site formerly occupied by Newburyport's Almshouse. A brick almshouse was built on this lot in 1794 and stood here until 1888, when the construction of a new almshouse on North Atkinson Street was completed. At that time the earlier building was sold and taken down.

The building presently on the site was erected shortly thereafter. It was apparently built as an apartment building. In 1923, the property was owned by Leona S. Hatch. Today this building contains four apartments.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

form are influenced by the classical revival that is seen in the triple deckers of the early twentieth century. There are fewer than a dozen buildings in the city exhibiting these influences as seen in 58-60 Prospect Street.

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