

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 63 Bromfield Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

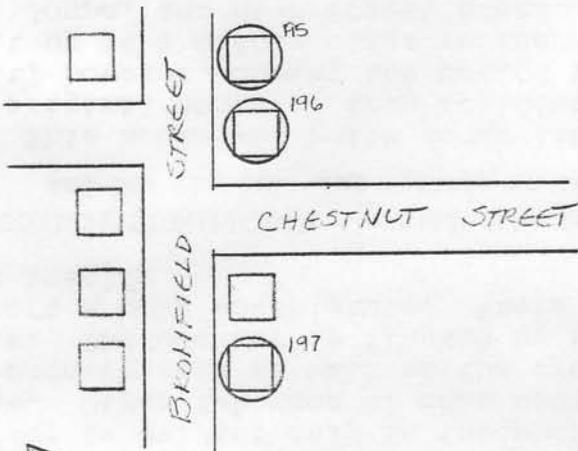
Present Residence

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 c. 1860

Source 1872 Plan of Newburyport

Style Greek Revival/Gothic Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos siding

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) building resided. (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 5,300 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area in which the predominant building type is that of vernacular single family dwellings built during the second half of the nineteenth century.

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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 11-9-80

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

This house is unusual in that its design is a combination of the Greek Revival and Early Gothic Revival styles. It is common in the early Gothic that the Gothic influence be seen in only one or two elements of the building. In this structure the medievalizing intention of the builder is evident only in the projecting central bay that has a steep gable. Other features of this house are Greek Revival. The heavy cornice and cornerboards as well as the front entrance are characteristic of the style. The doorway is flanked by sidelights and simple pilasters that support a bold entablature. There is also a large oblong window above the door itself.

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

This house was built about 1860, adjacent to the Noyes Comb Factory. The original owner of this building is not known. The structure was built, however, during the period that this residential area was being built up as a middle class residential area between the earlier South End, Joppa, and High Street areas.

In 1872 Mrs. B. Coffin was noted as the owner of this property. Prior to 1884 the property was conveyed to John T. Butman. Butman was a painter who had previously lived at 25 Olive Street. Butman owned the property until 1892 when the house was sold to Mabel Brown.

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