

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 204 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 65 Federal Street

Historic Name Engine No. 2

Original Fire House

Present Residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner City of Newburyport

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1890

Source Assessor's Records

Style Vernacular Victorian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

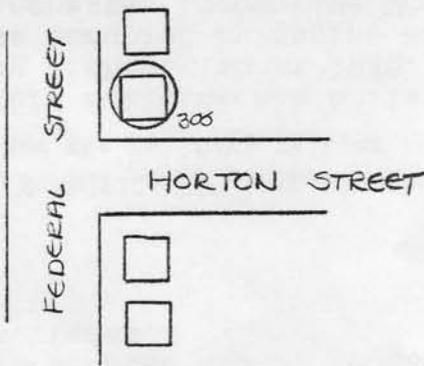
Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) converted  
to residential use, c. 1968, converted  
to duplex (1976)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 3,750 sq. ft.

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



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

This building is one of several engine houses built in Newburyport's neighborhood during the last decades of the nineteenth century. The architectural features are simple yet this two-story brick building with gherkin headed roof does have some elements inspired by the Richardsonian Romanesque style. These include the double arched windows and the use of rough granite trim in contrast to the brick wall surfaces.

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

This building was built during the final years of the nineteenth century, probably about 1890. It was owned by the City of Newburyport and was occupied by Engine No. 2. Engine No. 2 was built in 1867 by the Manchester Locomotive Works, and was rebuilt in 1906 by the International Power Company at Manchester, N. H.

The City owned this building until recently. When it was no longer used as a fire station, it was used by the highway and tree departments and as a polling place. In the early 1960's the City decided to sell the property. For several years it was owned by "Bossy" Gillis, mayor of Newburyport and one of the City's more interesting characters.

In 1968, the first residential improvements were made to the building. It was converted to a duplex in 1976.

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