

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Town Newburyport

Address 66 Purchase Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Pettengell/Thurlow

DESCRIPTION:

c. 1855

Source 1851, 1872 Maps of Nbpt.

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

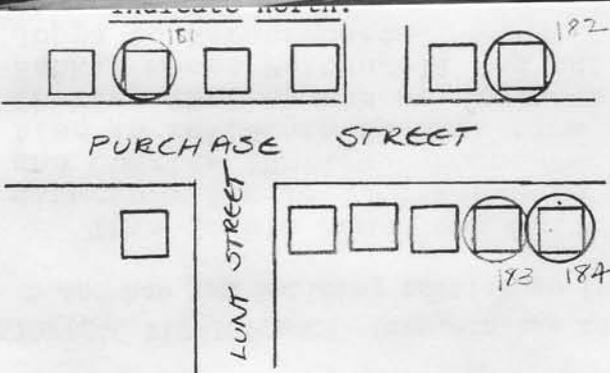
Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Approx. acreage 12,010 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of  
predominantly eighteenth century  
single family dwellings adjacent to  
the banks of the Merrimack River.



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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 10-27-80

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

This large Greek Revival residence is typical of many buildings built in Newburyport during the mid-nineteenth century. The distinctive Greek Revival features include the cornerboards, bold cornice and the entrances. The doorways are flanked by sidelights and Doric pilasters, supporting a bold entablature above. This house was originally built as a double house, a popular form in Newburyport during the nineteenth century.

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

This double house was built between 1851 and 1871. In the city directory for 1871, the owners of the property were Moses Pettengell, Jr. and Charles Thurlow. Moses Pettengell was a grocer at 131 Water Street. Also in residence at that time was Nathaniel H. Pettengell, shoemaker. Charles Thurlow was an assistant cashier at the Mechanick's National Bank. Moses Pettengell was one of the signers of the petition to annex Joppa to Newburyport.

Apparently the ownership of the property was consolidated under Charles Thurlow. Thurlow owned the property until 1909, when the house was sold to Mary Read.

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