

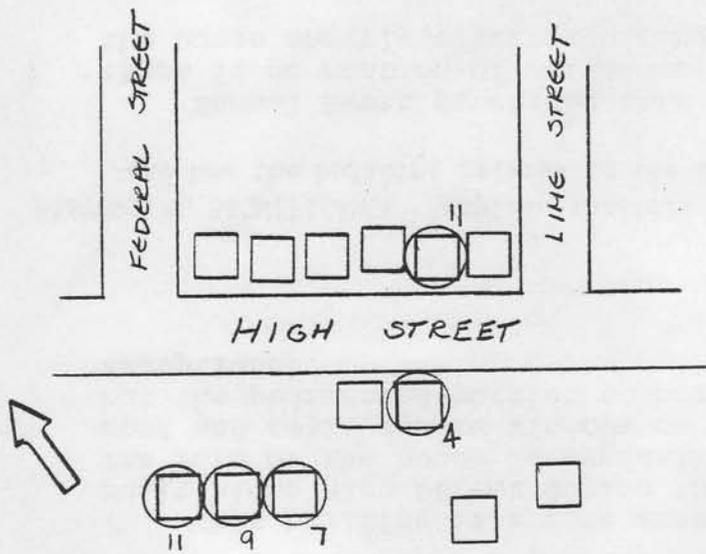
FORM B - BUILDING

Area A	Form no. 11
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



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



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
Organization Office of Community Development
Date 8-11-80

Newburyport
Address 68 High Street
Historic Name Swett-Storey House
Original Residence
Present Residence
Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
Original owner Samuel Swett

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1800
Source Currier, "History of Nbpt."
Style Federal
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
Outbuildings Barn
Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear, bay window added (dates unknown)
Moved _____ Date _____
Approx. acreage 27,930 sq. ft.

Setting on Newburyport's main thoroughfare noted for its excellent example of domestic architecture

dating from the Colonial period through the early 20th century.

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This building is a fine example of the Federal domestic architecture built along High Street during the early years of the nineteenth century. The form of the house is typically Federal with three stories, hipped roof and small square windows on the top floor. The cornice is simple but the pedimented portico supported by Roman Doric columns is exceptional.

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

Samuel Swett purchased this parcel of land in 1799. In the deed there is no mention of buildings and it can be assumed that Swett built the house shortly after acquiring the land.

Samuel was born in Newburyport and attended Harvard College and read law in Exeter, New Hampshire and in Newburyport. In 1810 he moved to Boston. This house was acquired by Isaac Park of Boston in 1814 and it was sold to Joseph O'Brien on June 20, 1817. Joseph O'Brien served as selectman in 1820. He lived in this house until about 1822 when he sold the house to Charles W. Storey, a prominent merchant in Havana Cuba for over twenty years.

Mr. Storey died in Havana in 1845 and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Newburyport. At that time the property was inherited by his daughter, Lydia M. Storey. In 1892 it was purchased by Nathaniel N. Jones, Esq. In November 1908, the house was purchased by Clara E. Waters.

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