

FORM B - BUILDING

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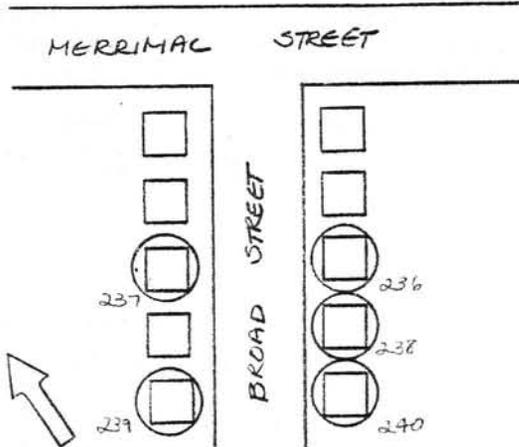
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 6 Broad Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Obed W. Greaton

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

DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1880
 Source Merrill, "North End Papers"
 Style Vernacular Victorian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 9,060 sq. ft.
 Setting Residential neighborhood of predominantly nineteenth and twentieth century single family dwellings.



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

Built in the 1880's this house is a vernacular example of the Victorian styles. Its boxlike shape and low hipped roof are reminiscent of the Federal style which was so popular in Newburyport at the turn of the nineteenth century. The heavily carved brackets of the portico and the bay window are more characteristic of the period of the building's construction.

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 by Obed W. Greaton in the 1880's as a speculative investment. Greaton had purchased the house next door at 4 Broad Street. He then built this one on the empty lot above. The house at 6 Broad Street was later exchanged for a house on North Atkinson Street and 4 Broad Street was sold. Mr. Greaton, like many people in the North End, was a shipcarpenter. Mrs. George Giles lived in the house in 1884.

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