

FORM B - BUILDING

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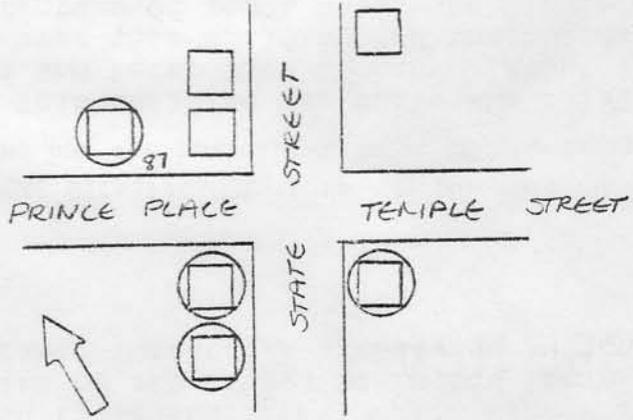
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 84-86 State St./3 Prince Pl.
 Historic Name Brackett Heel Co. Bldg.
 Use: Original Shoe Factory
 Present Industrial
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Bliss and Perry
Shoe Company

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

DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1880
 Source 1884 Atlas of Essex County
 Style 19th Century Industrial
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 8,032 sq. ft.
 Setting in a commercial and industrial area adjacent to the central business district.



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

This building is an excellent example of a late 19th century shoe factory. The four story building measures 150' by 50'. It has little architectural detail except for the corbelled brick cornice and granite window sills and arched brick window lintels. The building is one of a complex of structures built for the manufacture of shoes and is one of the finer industrial structures in the city.

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 about 1880 and was once occupied by the Bliss and Perry Shoe Company. About 1910 the Bracket Heel Company took over this building and the building was associated with the manufacture of shoes until the middle of this century.

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