

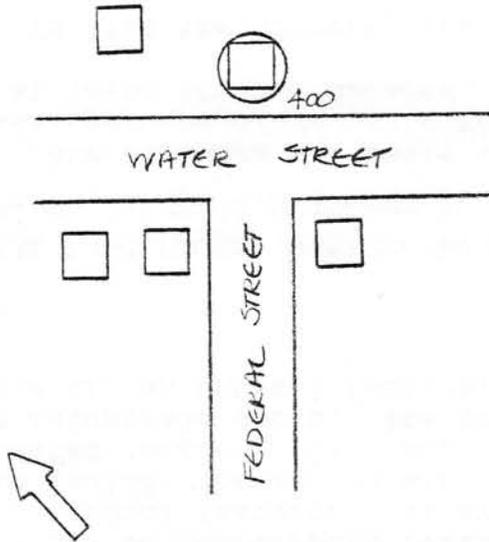
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport  
 Address 85 Water Street  
 Historic Name Mechanic No. 2  
 Original Engine House  
 Present Antique Store  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner City of Newburyport

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1855  
 Source 1851, 1872 Maps of Nbpt.  
 Style Italian Villa Style  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Flush vertical boards, clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) additions  
on North and South sides, front  
entrance altered (dates unknown)

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

Approx. acreage 4,860 sq. ft.

Setting in area of mixed residential  
and commercial uses along the Merrimac

River. The Newburyport Tanning  
Company occupies an adjacent industrial  
complex.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt  
 Organization Office of Community  
                   Development  
 Date 10-20-80

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This building is exceptional as it is one of the few Italianate buildings in Newburyport built for other than residential purposes. Architectural features that are characteristic of the Italian Villa style include the arched windows with hood mouldings and the bold bracketed cornice. Originally this building had an elaborate doorway with balustrade above. The vertical flush boards on the building's facade are an unusual feature.

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 between 1851 and 1872 as an engine house. It was the home of Mechanic No. 2. The building served this purpose for at least several decades.

In 1924 the property was owned by the Newburyport Baking Company.

In recent years the building was vacant. It is presently occupied by the "Joppa Flats Antique Shop".

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