

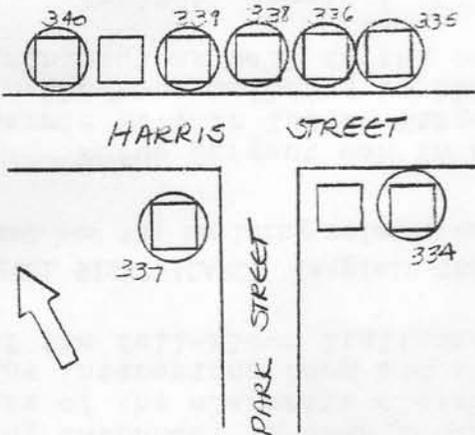
Area	Form no.
	338

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport  
 Address 8 Harris Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use: Original Residence  
 Present Residential/Commercial  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Rufus Sargent

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 1884 Atlas of Essex County  
 Style Italianate Victorian  
 Architect Rufus Sargent  
 Facade - flush boards  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 3,280 sq. ft.  
 Setting Building is set back 5ft. from Harris St. in an area of mixed residential and commercial use, adjacent to the central business district.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stingwolt  
 Organization Office of Community Development  
 Date 6/30/80

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

This building is a vernacular interpretation of the Italianate styles that became popular during the middle of the 19th century. Elements in the design make reference to the Romano-Tuscan mode of the Renaissance Revival, as is seen in the heavy lintels over the long villa-style windows. The use of the pediment to emphasize the slightly projecting entrance, is seen in the High Victorian Italianate style, as is the use of the elaborate classical elements in the portico. The building lacks the interesting form and abundance of detail that would be characteristic of the full-blown Italianate Victorian styles.

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

Rufus Sargent was in residence at No. 8 Harris St., then No. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  Harris St., in 1884. Sargent was listed as an architect with an office in the same building in 1884. It is quite possible that Sargent was the architect as well as the original owner of this house.

In 1925, Harold A. Eldredge, a bond salesman in Boston, lived at 8 Harris St. Today the building contains two apartments and offices.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1872 - Map of the City of Newburyport, D. G. Beers & Co.
- 1884 - Atlas of Essex County, D. G. Beers & Co.
- Assessor's Records
- 1884, 1924 City Directories