

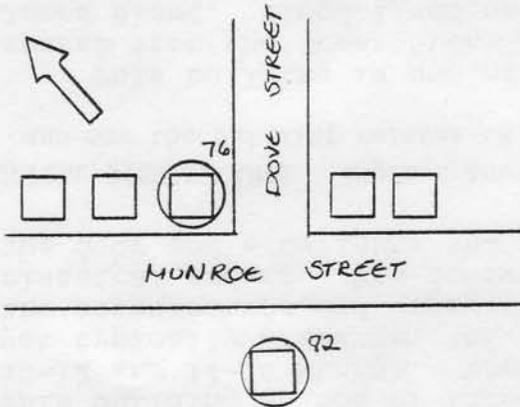
FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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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.



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Newburyport  
Address 8 Munroe Street/34 Dove Street  
Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Original Residence  
Present Residence  
Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Original owner James Blood

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1845  
Source Merrill, "North End Papers"  
Style Greek Revival  
Architect Unknown  
Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
Major alterations (with dates) One story addition at rear (1900)  
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approx. acreage 3,960 sq. ft.  
Setting This building is on the corner of Dove and Munroe Streets across from the industrial complex originally known as the Ocean Steam Mills.

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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 the type of multiple family dwellings built during the middle of the nineteenth century to house the workers associated with the mill industries in Newburyport. This building is one of three on Munroe Street, the other two being 10-12 and 14-16 Munroe. The details of these tenements are simple, yet typically Greek Revival. The notable architectural features include the cornerboards and doorways which are simply detailed to recall the classical orders. The doorway is trabeated with a wide fascia above the door and sidelights and applied pilasters to either side.

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 is one of three tenements built on Munroe Street across from the Ocean Steam Mills. The buildings were built by James Blood. Blood lived on Merrimac Street and speculated heavily in real estate in the North End. He built these three tenements in 1845, the same year in which the Ocean Steam Mill was incorporated for the manufacture of cotton cloth. The company built a large four story brick factory on Munroe Street across from the tenements.

By 1872, these three buildings had been sold to the Ocean Mills. The buildings were used as boarding houses for the factory until the end of the nineteenth century. By that time shoe workers were the boarders, as the manufacturing of cotton cloth was discontinued in the mill in 1889. Subsequently, the mill was used by Burley, Stevens, and Company, manufacturers of shoes and boots. Today these residential buildings are multiple family dwellings and remain relatively unchanged since their original construction.

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