

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	NWB.141
Historic Name:	Brown, Nicholas R. House
Common Name:	
Address:	93-97 Prospect St
City/Town:	Newburyport
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	21-2
Year Constructed:	C 1800
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Federal
Use(s):	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	NWB.D: South End District NWB.L: Newburyport Historic District NWB.V: Prospect Street
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (8/2/1984)



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FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 93-95-97 Prospect Street

Historic Name

Original Residence

Present Residence

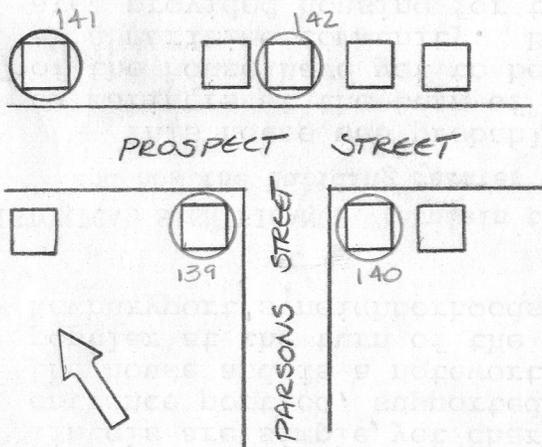
Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Unknown

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1800

Source

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 5,800 sq. ft.

Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirqwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 10-04-80

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

This house is a fine example of the Federal style. The three story form with hipped roof and decreasing window size in the upper stories is typically Federal. The cornice, cornerboards, and window lintels are simple, yet characteristic of the period. The pedimented entrance portico, supported by Doric columns, is probably original to the house and is a noteworthy feature. The Federal style was very popular at the turn of the nineteenth century and is seen in all of Newburyport's neighborhoods.

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 probably built by one of Newburyport's merchants or mariners at the turn of the nineteenth century. The earliest owners of the house have yet to be documented. The South End was first settled as a maritime community. By the middle of the nineteenth century this area provided housing for the people working in adjacent industrial complexes.

In 1851 Nicholas R. Brown was the owner of this house. Brown was listed as an operative in the city directory of that year. Brown was probably employed in one of the nearby textile mills.

Between 1872 and 1884 the house was owned by a Mrs. Alter. Today the house is a multiple family dwelling.

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