

FORM B - BUILDING

Area
C

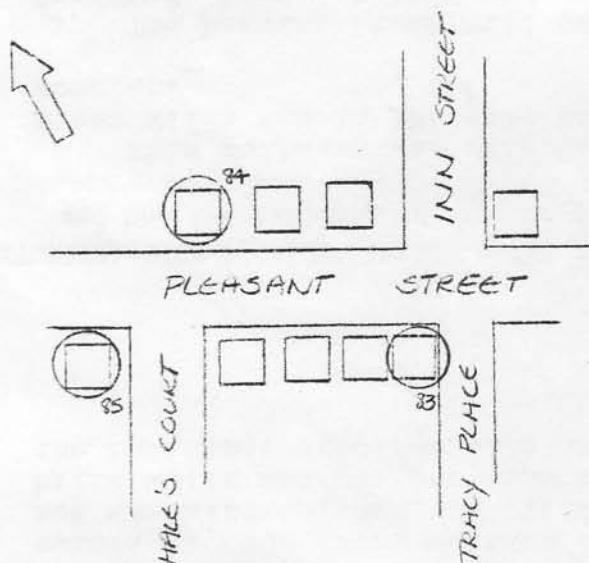
Form no.
84

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MA 02108



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



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwalt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 7-28-80

City Newburyport

Address 24 Pleasant Street

Historic Name Bartlet Mills

Original Use Counting Room

Present Use Store

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
☐ Private organization

☐ Public

Original owner Bartlet Steam Mill

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1840

Source J.J. Currier, History of N

Style _____

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) addition

at rear (c. 1882), renovations of

first floor and store front (1976)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 3,650 sq. ft.

Setting in the central business dist

next to the First Religious Society

Federal period Church in area of
mixed commercial and industrial use

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This building retains few elements of its original architectural exterior. The front portion of the building was built prior to 1850 but was altered when the building was enlarged in the 1880's. The brick walls and granite window sills are the only elements dating from the buildings original date of construction.

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 originally the counting room for the Bartlet Steam Mills and is the only building remaining from that industrial complex.

The Bartlet Steam Mill was incorporated in April 1837 by Richard Spofford, Samuel DeFord and John Chickering under the name The Wessacumcan Steam Mills. The purpose was for the manufacture of cotton cloth and it was the earliest such establishment in Newburyport. Land was purchased at the corner of Pleasant and Inn Streets and a larger brick factory erected. A second factory was built in 1840 when the stock of the company was increased and name changed to the Bartlet Steam Mills. Both of the factories burned in 1881 and were not rebuilt.

After the fire the land and counting room or office were conveyed to J. W. Joy who constructed the Joy block on Inn street and the Post Office block on Pleasant Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Newburyport Herald, March 5, 1839

Assessor's Records 1890-1980

J. J. Currier, History of Newburyport 1764-1905, vols. I and II, reprint Newburyport 1977.

1851 Plan of Newburyport, Mass. H. McIntire

1872 Map of the City of Newburyport, Mass. D. G. Beers and Co.

1884 Atlas of Essex County, G. H. Walker Co.

20M-2/80