

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	NWB.139
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Knight, John Eliot House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	86-88 Prospect St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Newburyport
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	21-45
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Multiple Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	NWB.D: South End District NWB.L: Newburyport Historic District NWB.V: Prospect Street
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Nat'l Register District (8/2/1984)



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FORM B - BUILDING

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NWB.139

Area V+ D+L	Form no. 139
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Newburyport

Address 86-88 Prospect Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: ☒ Private individual  
Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner John Eliot Knight

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1843

Source Historical Marker

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

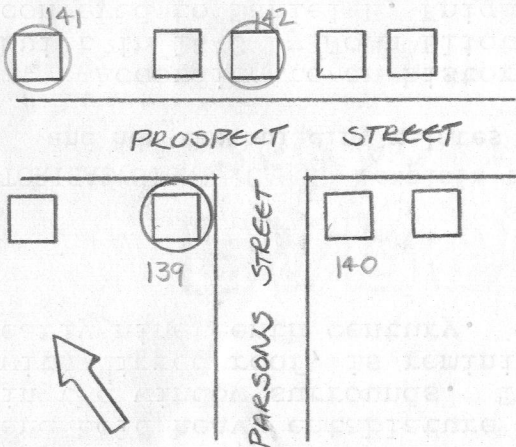
Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) one story addition to building's facade (date unknown)

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

Approx. acreage 11,230 sq. ft.

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



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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 10-04-80

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This building is vernacular and transitional in style. It was built during the Greek Revival period and has several features of that style. These include the trabeated doorways with flanking pilasters and bold heavy entablature and the cornerblocks with bull's eye detail in the window surrounds. The overall form of the building, of two stories with hipped roof, is reminiscent of the Federal style popular during the early nineteenth century.

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

According to an historical marker on this building this house was built in 1843 by John Eliot Knight. By 1851, the house has been conveyed to Daniel H. Knight. Daniel H. Knight is listed as an operative in the city directory of that year. Presumably Knight was working in one of the newly developed industrial complexes in the South End. These included both the Globe Steam Mills and the James Steam Mills, manufacturing cotton cloth.

In 1872, the house was still occupied by Knight and also by his son Daniel who was in business as a grocer at that time. Mrs. A. K. Knight owned the property in 1884. Before 1905 the property had been sold and at that time was conveyed by Albert Wilson to J. C. M. Bayley.

This building was built as a two family house and today contains four apartments.

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