

FORM B - BUILDING

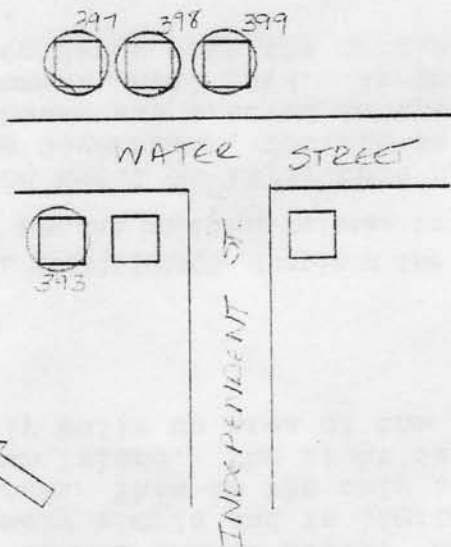
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
222 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
Address Water Street
Historic Name Range Light
Original Lighthouse
Present Vacant
Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____
Public _____
Original owner Government of the United States

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1874
Source Essex County Registry of Deeds
Style _____
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Brick
Outbuildings _____
Major alterations (with dates) _____
Moved _____ Date _____
Approx. acreage 225 sq. ft.
Setting in area of mixed residential and commercial use along the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This late nineteenth century lighthouse is unusual in form. It is square and of brick. Architectural detail in the structure is extremely simple and is limited to a square granite lintel over the entrance. This is the only lighthouse in Newburyport except for one on Plum Island. The light is also unusual in that it is located in a densely built up area of the city.

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

On April 5, 1873, this parcel of land was sold to the United States Government, for use as the site of a new range light. The lighthouse was erected in the following years and was owned by the government until 1964. At that time the light was discontinued and, in accordance with the original deed the land reverted to the Bayley heirs.

The Bayley heirs conveyed the property to Biaggio DeMaggio. In 1971 the property was again sold. Gordon Hall and Mike Masconi purchased the lighthouse and are the owners at present.

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