

**490 Merrimac Street,
Newburyport**

Application for
NHC Demolition Permit
and
**Finding of Historical
Non-Significance**

October 8th, 2020



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**490 Merrimac
Street, Newburyport**
Existing Conditions

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- Originally built ~1890
- Balloon Frame
- Addition and porch added later
- 994 sf living area, with 84 sf porch
- Partially demolished historic features (foundation, chimney)
- Weather damage

**490 Merrimac
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Historical Records**

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- No “Form B”
- Not listed as “Contributory” on District Data Sheets

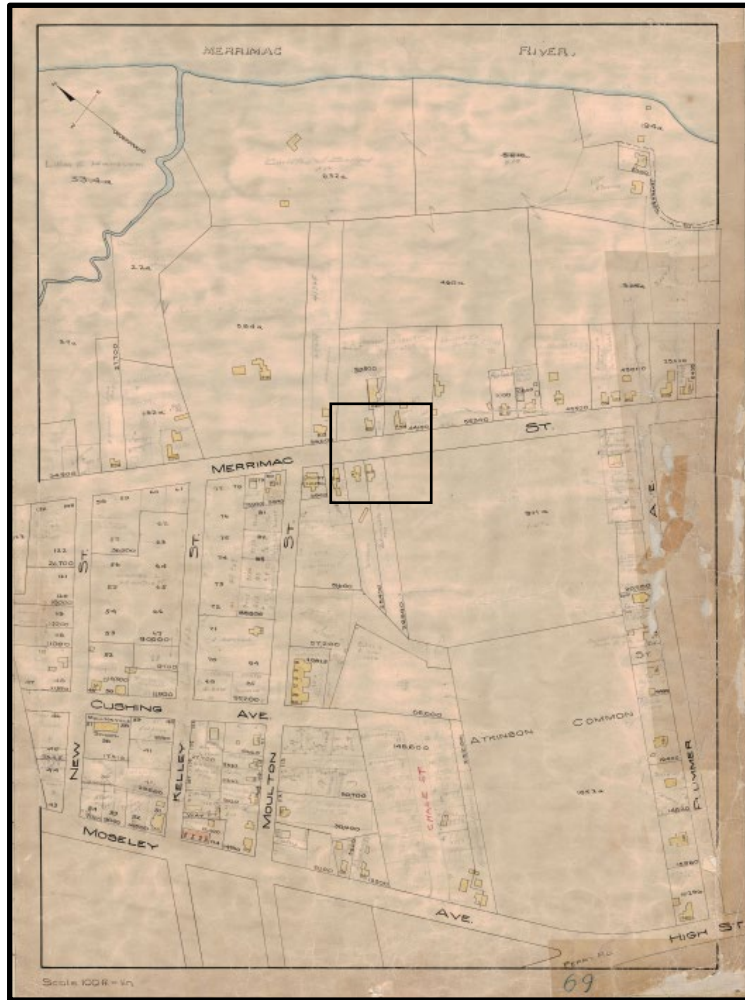
Area not included in following maps:

- Geo. H. Walker & Co., Newburyport City, MA Atlas 1891
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Newburyport, 1894
- Geo. H. Walker & Co., Newburyport, MA Atlas 1900
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Newburyport, January 1900
- Geo. H. Walker & Co., Newburyport, MA Atlas 1904
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Newburyport, September 1906
- Walker Lithograph & Publishing Co., MA Atlas 1909
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Newburyport, October 1914

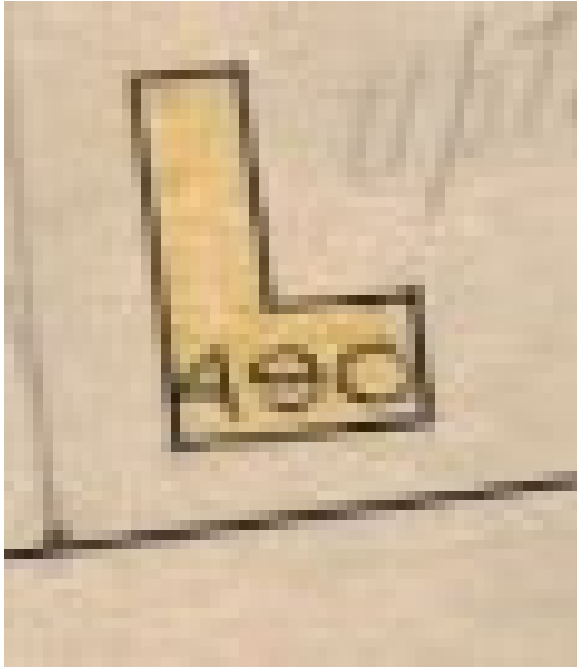
Structure Shown on:

- City of Newburyport 1924 Assessor's Map – Map 69

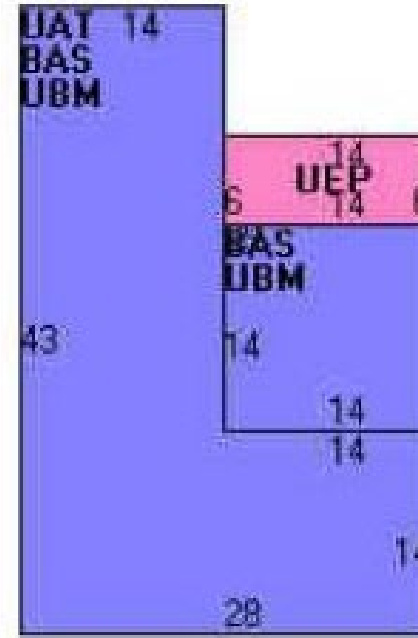
City of Newburyport 1924 Assessor's Map – Map 69



Structure Footprint



1924 Assessor's Map – Map 69

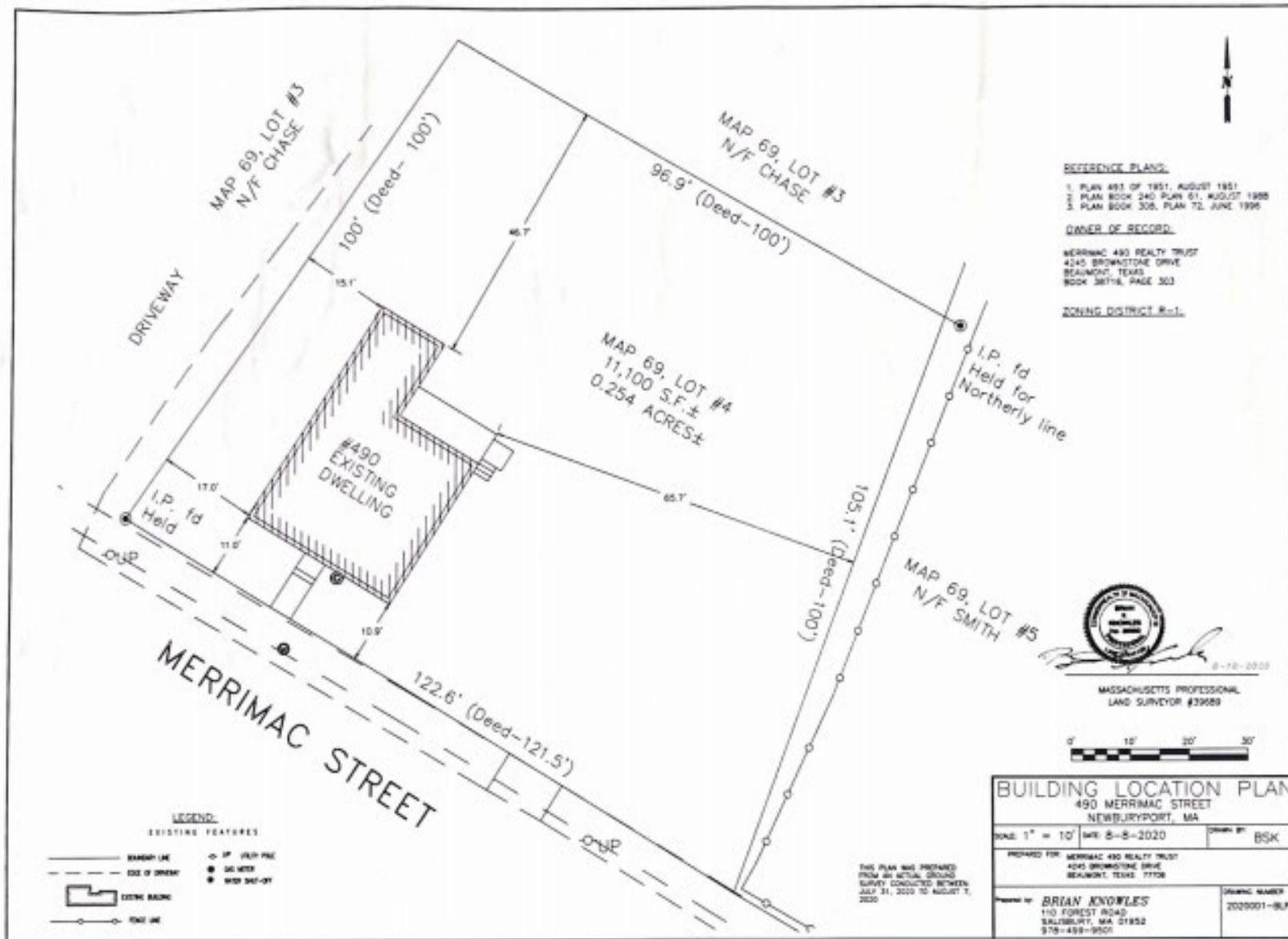


BUILDING SKETCH

2020 Assessor's Card

**490 Merrimac
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Current Conditions**

- **Site Plan**
- **Aerial View**
- **Exterior Existing Condition
Photos**
- **Interior Existing Condition Photos**



REFERENCE PLANS:
 1. PLAN 491 OF 1951, AUGUST 1951
 2. PLAN BOOK 345, PLAN 51, AUGUST 1988
 3. PLAN BOOK 305, PLAN 72, JUNE 1996

OWNER OF RECORD:
 MERRIMAC 490 REALTY TRUST
 4245 BROWNSTONE DRIVE
 BEAUMONT, TEXAS
 BOOK 38178, PAGE 303

ZONING DISTRICT R-1.


 8-10-2020
 MASSACHUSETTS PROFESSIONAL
 LAND SURVEYOR #39689

BUILDING LOCATION PLAN
 490 MERRIMAC STREET
 NEWBURYPORT, MA

DATE: 1" = 10' DATE: 8-8-2020 DRAWN BY: BSK

PREPARED FOR: MERRIMAC 490 REALTY TRUST
 4245 BROWNSTONE DRIVE
 BEAUMONT, TEXAS 77705

Prepared by: **BRIAN KNOWLES**
 110 FOREST ROAD
 SALISBURY, MA 01952
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DRAWING NUMBER:
 2020001-BLP

THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED
 FROM AN ACTUAL GROUND
 SURVEY CONDUCTED BETWEEN
 JULY 31, 2020 TO AUGUST 1,
 2020

LEGEND:
 EXISTING FEATURES

--- BOUNDARY LINE ○ I.P. WITH PIN
 - - - - - EDGE OF DRIVEWAY ● 60' METE
 [Hatched Box] EXISTING BUILDING ● 30" MET-OUT
 --- TIME LINE



Image from Google Earth













Photo 1 Deteriorated exterior clapboards



Photo 2 Deteriorated chimney bricks and aged roof shingles



Photo 3 Brick and mortar deterioration on the West side foundation



Photo 4 Fieldstone and brick wall deterioration on the North side foundation wall



Photo 5 Exterior stairs uncovered and allow water intrusion into basement



Photo 6 Moisture intrusion throughout the interior rooms



Photo 7 Antiquated timber framing with posts extending below grade and foundation walls demolished



Photo 8 Foundation walls partially demolished to allow additions



Photo 9 Balloon framed walls to support roof and chimney demolished and abandoned in the attic



Photo 10 Lack of attic headroom



Photo 11 Ventilation beneath the roof



Photo 12 Stairs to attic are steep and difficult to climb