

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 20 Orange Street

Historic Name Henry Moody House

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public _____

Original owner Henry T. Moody

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1890

Source Assessor's Records, City Directories

Style Queen Anne

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards, wood panels

Outbuildings garage housing

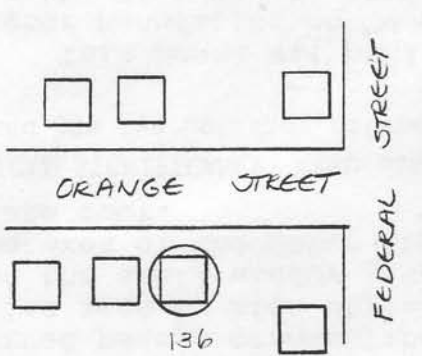
beauty salon

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 5,580 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of 18th and 19th century homes.



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 09-01-80

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

This house is one of the most ornate and extravagantly detailed Queen Anne homes in the city of Newburyport. The house has the complexity of plan and irregularity of roof line often associated with the style. The turret is exceptional and is one of only a few in the city. The cast iron cresting at the roof's ridge is an elegant feature. The carved panels ornamenting the turret walls resemble the terra cotta tiles seen in high style Queen Anne buildings. The turned balusters and the small window lights surrounding a large central pane are also features of the Queen Anne style. The house still has its original slate roof.

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 built about 1890 by Henry T. Moody, of the Victor Manufacturing Company at 63 Water Street. Moody was a machinist for the firm which manufactured fire-proof doors. Harry S. Moody, an artist boarded here and was probably Moody's son.

Henry Moody continued to live in this house until at least 1924. In 1931 Harry S. Moody sold the property to Eleanor A. Meinerth.

Subsequent owners of 20 Orange Street were George Rosenfield who purchased the house in 1947 and Stella Najanes who acquired the property in 1949.

This house remains as it was originally, a single family dwelling.

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