

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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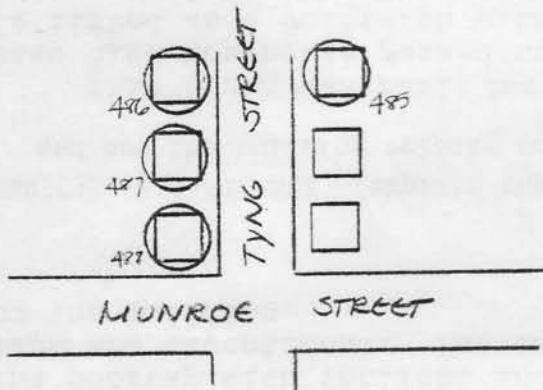


Newburyport
 Address 26 Tyng Street
 Historic Name Bass-Whitney House
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Edward Bass

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1807
 Source Merrill, "North End Papers"
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) entrance porch added (1897), addition at rear



(date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 8,210 sq. ft.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort
 Organization Office of Community Development
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Setting In a residential area in which most of the houses were built in the nineteenth century as single family residences.

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

The Edward Bass House is a fine example of the Federal style which proliferated in Newburyport in the early years of the nineteenth century. The form of the house is quite typical, of three stories with hipped roof and decreasing window size in the upper stories. Also typical is the doorway with fanlight and sidelights flanking the door. The window caps are exceptional. The entrance porch is a twentieth century addition to the building.

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 for Edward Bass Jr. by an unknown builder. When Bass died the house passed to his son, also named Edward. In 1851 Bass is listed as a goldsmith with a shop at 80 Merrimac Street. In 1858 the house was inherited by a cousin, Thomas H. Whitney. The Whitney's owned the house well into this century. Consequently the house has been called the Bass-Whitney House.

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