

FORM B - BUILDING

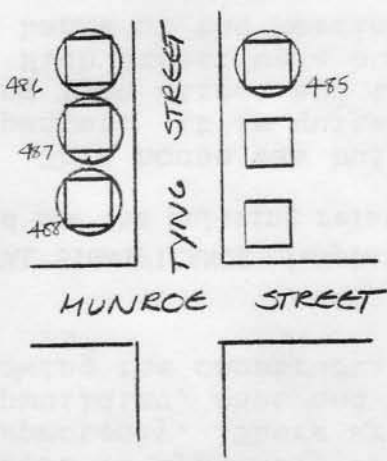
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 100 State Street Boston MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 28 Tyng Street  
 Historic Name Daniel Bridges House  
 Use: Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization  
 Public  
 Original owner Daniel Bridges

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



DESCRIPTION:  
 Date 1865  
 Source Merrill, "North End Papers"  
 Style Vernacular Victorian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) None  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 5,620 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area in which most of the houses were originally built as single family dwellings in the nineteenth century.

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

This house is a vernacular version of the architectural styles popular during the second half of the 19th century. The details are few and simple, consisting of cornerboards and cornice reminiscent of the late Greek Revival period. The porch with turned supporting members is typically Victorian, as is the use of the pediment rather unexpectedly. There are many similar homes in Newburyport, as the shipbuilding, shoe and textile industries flourished during the period allowing the construction of housing throughout 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)

This house was built by Daniel Bridges. Bridges was a ship's carpenter. It is quite interesting to note that many of the homes along Tyng Street and the other streets running between Merrimac Street and High Street were built by people involved in the shipbuilding on the banks of the Merrimack River.

At one time, Daniel and Enoch Bridges planked the ship "Augusta" in fifteen days, which was a record.

In 1884, Paul A. Merrill owned the house. He was the owner of the Schooner, "Clara Forrester", built in 1868. He also served as vice-president of the Y.M.C.A. in 1905. Merrill presented a fountain to the City of Newburyport in 1897. It was placed at the corner of High Street and Toppan's Lane probably on the land of what is now the Newburyport High School.

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