

58 Pleasant Street (ca. 1845?,by 1852)

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58 Pleasant 2015

Number 58 Pleasant Street is a Greek Revival wood frame house with a three bay by four bay main block and a gable end to Pleasant Street. The edges are accented by corner boards, and the house is enclosed by a broad gable roof with return

eaves. It has a side hall plan; a granite step, with a cast iron foot scraper, leads to the front door, which is flanked by Doric pilasters and surmounted, by a low cornice-headed entablature. The windows are fully enframed with raised outer moldings and have 6/1 wood sash.

Builder: William H Bacon (?)

Original owner: William H Bacon (?)

Number 58 Pleasant is a straightforward, well-preserved example of a side hall plan Greek Revival wood frame vernacular house. For many years its lot was part of a larger parcel, which included the Swallow mansion at 33 Cordis-located to the rear of 58 Pleasant. The 1852 map indicates that 58 Pleasant was extant at that time. In all probability, 58 was built at the same time as 33 Cordis -circa 1845. William H bacon, the builder of 33 Cordis, may also have been responsible for 58 Pleasant's construction. This house appears labeled A. Swallow on the 1875 Atlas (see form on 33 Cordis). From the 1880s until the 1910s, this house was owned by Rebecca P Swallow. (see probate of Rebecca Swallow-Suffolk Probate Court, #54947)

Bibliography:

Maps-1818, 1852

Atlases-1868, 1874, 1885, 1892, 1901, 1911

Suffolk deeds-4246: 465

Middlesex deeds-452: 444

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