

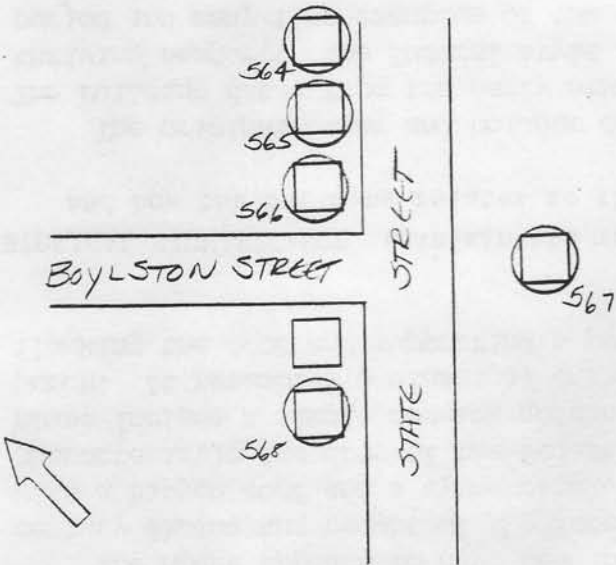
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport  
 Address 141 State Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Unknown

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1800  
 Source Building Fabric  
 Style Federal  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 9,900 sq. ft.  
 Setting on State Street, one of Newburyport's major thoroughfares and the early route from Newburyport to Boston.

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

The house appears to have been built around the turn of the nineteenth century during the height of the Federal period. The house is three stories with a hipped roof and a symmetrical, five bay facade. These are all characteristic features of the Federal style. (Other interesting features of the house include a simple cornice molding, window lintels, and a fine front entrance porch. It resembles a classical entablature in miniature with Doric pilasters flanking the door and supporting a pediment above.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The original owner and builder of this house have yet to be documented. The building dates from the early nineteenth century when Newburyport was a thriving seaport. The Federal style proliferated in Newburyport during that period and many fine examples of the style remain in nearly all of the city's neighborhoods.

In 1872 this house was owned by Augustus Safford. Safford had a business at 13 Middle Street.

Later owners included Mary V. Healy who acquired the house in 1894. In 1913 the property was sold to Arthur Clark who later sold it to Nellie Toppan.

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