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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 19 Essex Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

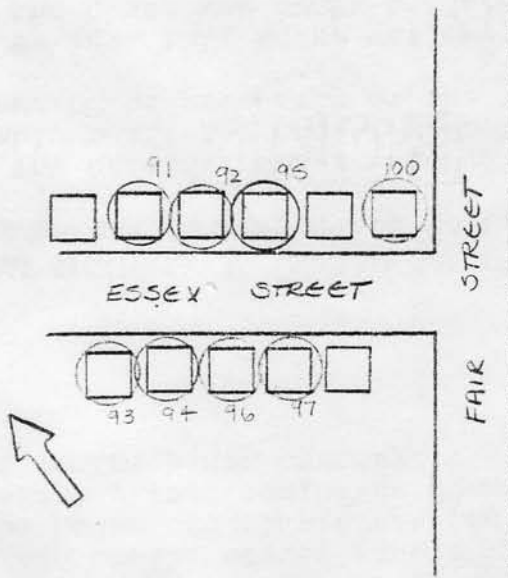
Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

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 _____

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) doorway added, addition at rear (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 6,115 sq. ft.

Setting in densely built up area in

which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 9-20-80

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

This house is typically Federal in form with three stories, hipped roof and small, nearly square windows in the third story. The details of the house are simple yet the cornice and window surrounds are classically inspired. The doorways have been altered and date from the mid-nineteenth century.

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 are unknown. It was probably built for one of Newburyport's merchants or mariners during the period of prosperity at the turn of the nineteenth century.

By 1851 this house was owned as an investment property. At that time the house was owned by Samuel DeFord, a local merchant. DeFord lived on High Street.

In 1872 this house was owned by Parker Roberts. Roberts owned a grocery store in Market Square at the corner of Liberty Street. By 1884 the property had been conveyed to George Montgomery, a physician, living on Green Street and Albert T. Young, a stove dealer. Young's shop was located on Merrimac Street and his home was at 4 Orange Street.

Today this house is divided into four apartments.

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