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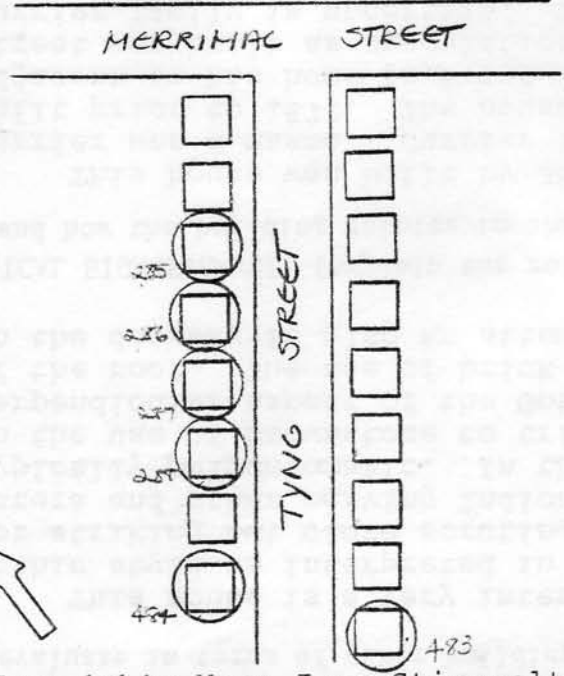


City Newburyport
 Address 23 Tyng Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 _____ Private organization
 _____ Public
 Original owner Joseph H. Currier

SKETCH FOR

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

DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1880
 Source Assessor's Records
 Style Victorian Gothic
 Architect Joseph H. Currier
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 11,210 sq. ft.
 Setting In residential area in
which for the most part the houses
were built as single family residences
during the nineteenth century.



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 7-23-80

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

This house is a very interesting example of the High Victorian Gothic style as interpreted in the vernacular. The Gothic elements are not striking but close scrutiny of the building reveals the quarterfoils, patera and other carving indicative of this influence. The style is typically polychromatic. In this vernacular example this is seen only in the use of brownstone to trim the windows and doors. The perpendicular aspect of the Gothic is seen only in the steeper pitch of the roof. The use of brick to create a rustication-like treatment in the doorway is also an attempt to create a rich and varied surface. (cont.)

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 Joseph H. Currier between 1872 and 1884. Currier was a mason. Currier lived at 24 Broad Street in a house built prior to 1872. The house on Tyng Street was built on the lot adjacent to his home on Broad Street. Whether the house at 26 Tyng Street was built as speculation or as a dwelling for a member of the Currier family is uncertain. The houses are similar in form, the most notable difference being the greater detail in the ornamentation of the house on Tyng Street.

Joseph H. Currier served as alderman from Ward Six in 1873.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 483
Property Name: 23 Tyng Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

The overall character of the style is one of solid stability. This is evident in the proportions of this building and its elements as well as in its corbelled brick cornice.

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