

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

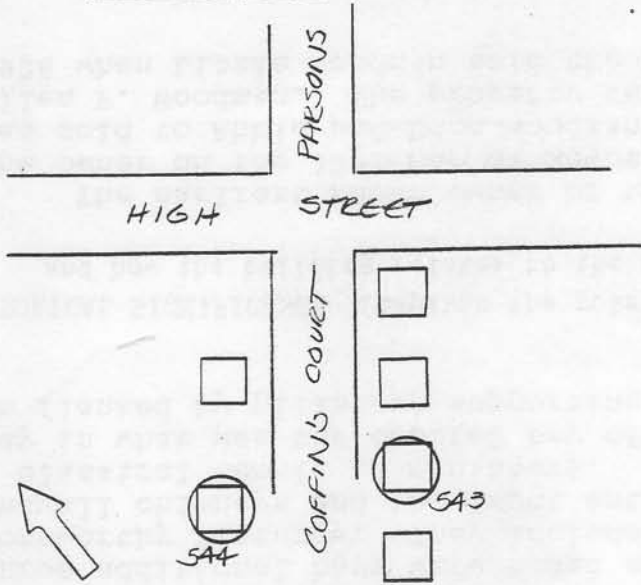


Newburyport

Address 8 Coffin Court
 Historic Name Coffin-Woodman House
 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 Eighteenth Century
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) three buildings added (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage .63 acre

Setting in residential area adjacent to historic High Street.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house appears to have been built as an elegant Georgian home, of two stories with a hipped roof and a symmetrical, five bay facade. Three additional bays were added at a later date. This house has several noteworthy features. They include the wood shingle roof with interior endwall chimneys and the front entrance. This doorway resembles a classical temple in miniature. It is in a projecting pedimented single bay in what was the central bay of the original facade. The door itself is flanked by pilasters supporting an entablature 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 earliest known owner of this house is a Mrs. Coffin, noted as the owner on the 1851 Map of Newburyport. Prior to 1872 the house was sold to Abbie and Edna Woodman. In 1896 the house was conveyed to Ellen P. Woodman. The property remained in the Woodman family until 1926 when Lizzie Woodman sold the house to Maud T. Little.

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