

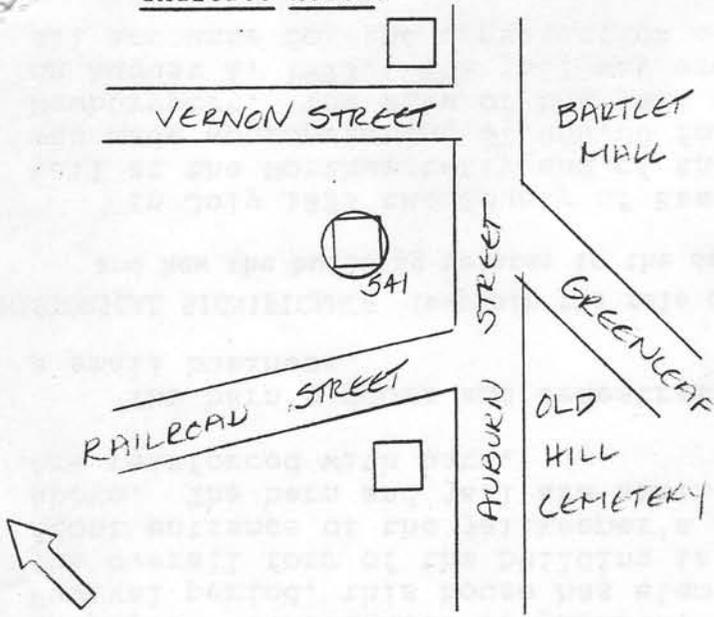
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



SKETCH MAP

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



Newburyport

Address 10 Auburn Street
 Historic Name Stone Jail and Jailkeeper's House

Original Jail and Residence

Present Residential/commercial

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner County of Essex

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1824

Source Currier, "History of Newburyport"

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Granite

Outbuildings Granite Barn

Major alterations (with dates) dormer added to roof of jailkeeper's house (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 33,500 sq. ft.

Setting in small residential area bounded by the historic Bartlet Mall, Route 1, and High Street Historic Dist

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwalt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 01-12-81

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

The Old Stone Jail and jailkeeper's house are clearly utilitarian in style. Constructed of granite, used extensively during the Greek Revival period, this house has elements of the earlier Georgian style. The overall form of the building is of two stories with hipped roofs. The front entrance of the jailkeeper's house is simple with a small oblong window above. The barn and jail are similar in form although the jail's windows are reinforced with bars.

The barn's doors and fenestration have been altered to accommodate a small business.

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

In July 1823 the County of Essex considered the erection of a new jail at the Northwesterly end of the Bartlet Mall. At that time an order was made appropriating \$2,000.00 for the purchase of a lot of land in Newburyport. The site of the jail was purchased of Thomas Somerby on August 1, 1823. The jail was erected shortly thereafter. In July, 1825, all accounts for the construction of the jail were settled.

In 1923 the property was sold to Hannah Gillis, mother of Newburyport's flamboyant mayor "Bossy" Gillis. He later owned the property.

Recently the complex of buildings have been rehabilitated and the barn has been used as an antique shop.

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