

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 224 Washington Street Boston, MA 02108

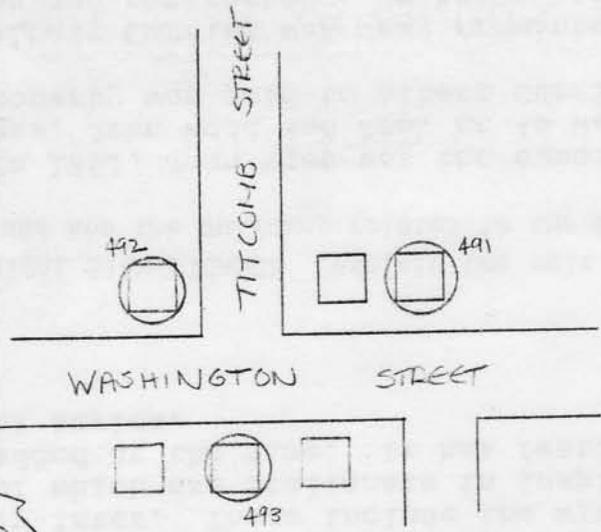


City Newburyport
 Address 10 Washington Street
 Historic Name Wood-Currier House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1810
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings Garage



Major alterations (with dates) front entrance porch added, window lintels and cornice moulding added (c. 1850)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 8,570 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of primarily eighteenth and nineteenth century houses.

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

This three story Federal brick house with hipped roof was substantially remodeled during the mid-nineteenth century. Although the overall form of the house is Federal the architectural details are clearly later. These include the window lintels and cornice moulding both of which are Italianate in inspiration. The front entrance porch was also added at the time. It has features of both the Italianate and Greek Revival styles.

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

In 1851, John Wood was the owner of this house. Wood had a grain business, John Wood and Son, at 45 Water Street. Prior to 1872, the property was sold to Albert Currier.

Albert Currier was very prominent in the City of Newburyport. He was a mason and contractor. He built both the Ocean and the Globe Steam Mills, the 1840's. He worked on numerous other projects in the city including the Simpson annex of the Newburyport Public Library and numerous brick dwellings in Newburyport. Currier also invested in textiles in the city and served several terms as mayor.

The heirs of Albert Currier's will sold the house in 1913.

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