

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

This two story house with pitched roof and symmetrical five bay facade is an excellent example of the Georgian style as built in the vernacular during the mid-eighteenth century. Distinctive Georgian features include the large central chimney and the double hung window sash with nine over six or six over six lights. The front entrance of the house was altered during the Greek Revival period and presently has the sidelights and pilasters characteristic of that style.

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

Although this house probably dates from the eighteenth century, the earliest known owner is that noted on the 1872 Map of Newburyport. At that time, the house was owned by Sprague Chase. Nathaniel Chase, a shipcarpenter, was also in residence here.

The area surrounding this house and the banks of the Merrimack River was settled by shipbuilders and shipcarpenters. The area remained a shipbuilding district until the late nineteenth century.

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