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Inventory No:	NWB.389
Historic Name:	American Yacht Club
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Newburyport
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1908
Architect(s):	Perry, William G.
Architectural Style(s):	Craftsman
Use(s):	Boathouse; Clubhouse
Significance:	Architecture; Recreation
Area(s):	NWB.L: Newburyport Historic District NWB.W: Water Street
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (8/2/1984)



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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address Water Street

Historic Name American Yacht Club

Original Yacht Club

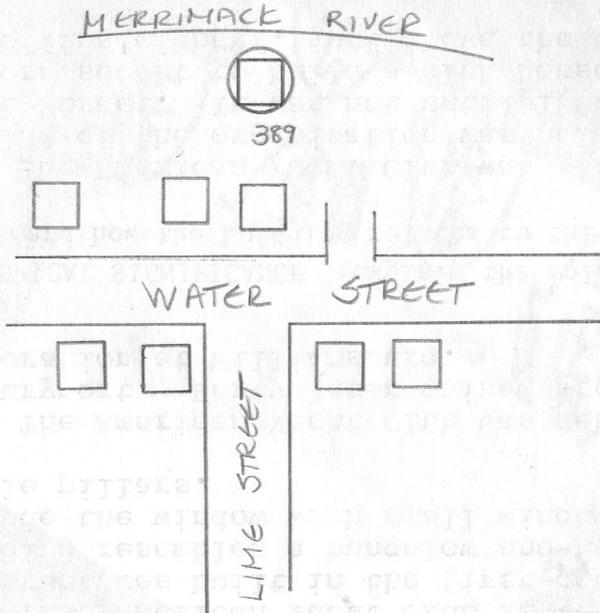
Present Yacht Club

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization American Yacht Club
 Public

Original owner American Yacht Club

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1908

Source "The American Yacht Club"

Style Bungalow Style

Architect William G. Perry

Exterior wall fabric Shingles

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 12,280 sq. ft.

Setting on the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 12-30-80

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

The American Yacht Club is vernacular in style with elements common to structures built in the first decades of the twentieth century. The building resembles a bungalow and has several interesting features. These include the window with small window panes and the porch supported by simple pillars.

The American Yacht Club was designed by William G. Perry, a resident of Newburyport. Perry later gained prominence as the primary architect of the restoration at Williamsburg.

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

The American Yacht Club was first organized in 1885. The first meeting of the organization was held on May 9, 1885 in room above a bank on State Street. It was not until 1890 that the club was incorporated and its members sought to build a club house. The first such structure was located on Coffins's Wharf, just above the present club house.

In 1897 a larger club house was built on the site of the present building and the old club house was moved to the site for locker space. Both of these structures burned in 1907. Shortly thereafter, William G. Perry, a Newburyport resident, was commissioned to design the present building which remains relatively unchanged. Perry later became a noted architect. He worked on the restoration project in Williamsburg and later urged the perservation of Newburyport's Market Square which was threatened by urban renewal.

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