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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 100 State Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 12 Harrison Street

Historic Name _____

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 Eighteenth century

Source _____

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

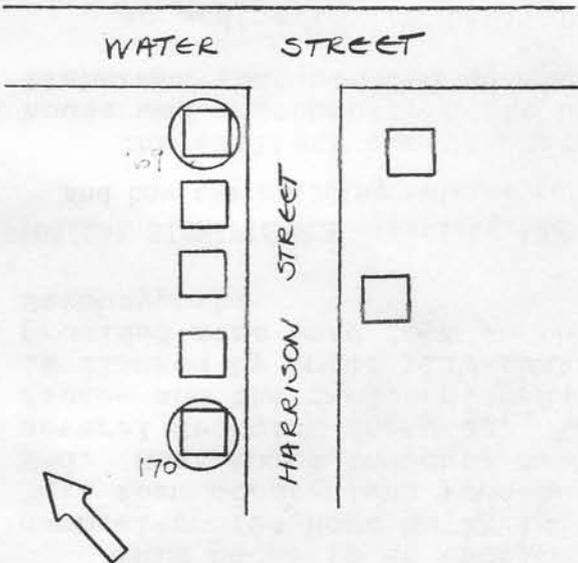
Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 7,460 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of predominantly eighteenth century

single family dwellings adjacent to the banks of the Merrimack River.



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 10-27-80

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

This house is an excellent example of the two and a half story gambrel-roofed home built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. This form occurs less frequently in the Joppa area than in the South End. Most homes in Joppa are more modest dwellings. This house has several Georgian features. These include the symmetrical five bay facade and the enclosed, pedimented entrance porch. The doorway itself is flanked by Doric pilasters. The gambrel roof was favored because it provided more head room in the attic floor and it is very common in Newburyport.

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 owners of this house have yet to be documented. This house was undoubtedly built by one of the prosperous mariners or fishermen that settled on the banks of the Merrimack River.

According to the 1851, Plan of Newburyport this house was owned by the Lunt family. The Lunts were very active in the shipbuilding and fishing industries in the Joppa district.

In 1872 Benjamin Lunt was in residence at 12 Harrison. Benjamin was a pilot, undoubtedly serving area merchants and shipowners.

This property was owned by the Newburyport City Railroad Company briefly in the 1870's. The railroad bed was laid behind the house and the property was then sold to Frank W. Landford.

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