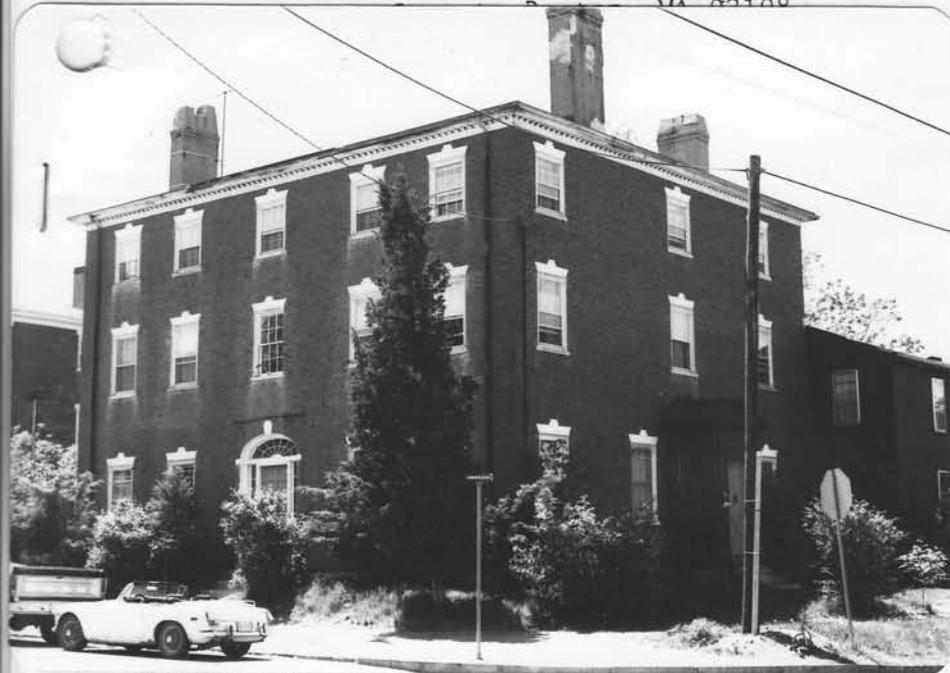


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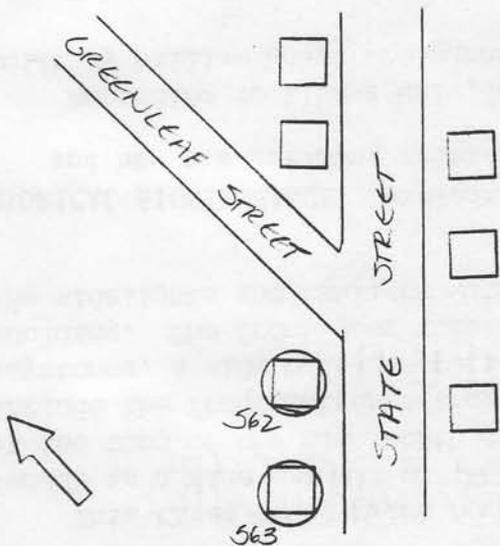
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport  
 Address 132 State Street  
 Historic Name Wourt-Stone House  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization  
 Public  
 Original owner William Wourt

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1805  
 Source Hal, "Old Newburyport Homes"  
 Style Federal  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Brick  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) additions at rear (date unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 6,675 sq. ft.  
 Setting on one of Newburyport's main thoroughfares which is lined with nineteenth century dwellings.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt  
 Organization Office of Community Development  
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This three story brick home with hipped roof and symmetrical, five bay facade is a fine example of the Federal style which was so popular in Newburyport at the turn of the nineteenth century. Exceptional features of this building include the front entrance arch with keystone, splayed window lintels, also with keystones, a side entrance portico that is pedimented, and an interesting cornice moulding. The front door itself within the arch has been altered. It appears that the sidelights and fanlight within the arched opening have also been altered.

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

According to Albert Hale, author of Old Newburyport Homes, this house was built by William Wourt who purchased the land in 1804.

Subsequent owners included Ebenezer Moseley, (1817) John Balch (1817-1818) Nicholas Johnson Jr. (1818-1837) and Enoch Moody (1837-1844). In 1844 the house was sold to Ebenezer Stone.

Eben F. Stone owned the house in 1851 but was in residence in a house on High Street. In 1872 he was in residence at 132 State Street. Stone was a counselor at law in partnership with F. D. Burnham. Their office was located at 3 State Street.

From 1875 through the early decades of the twentieth century, the house was occupied by the daughter of Ebenezer Stone.

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