

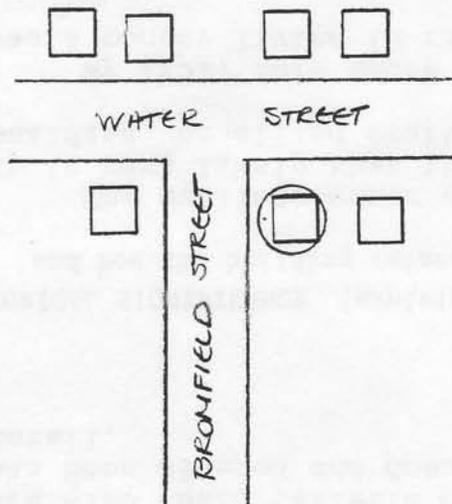
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 164-166 Water Street
 Historic Name Cheever-Cheney 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 Eighteenth century
 Source _____
 Style Colonial
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) several additions, front entrance altered (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 4,000 sq. ft.

Setting in area of mixed residential and commercial uses along the banks of the Merrimack River

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

Although this house has been altered extensively it retains several features typical of the eighteenth century. The two story, pitched roof form is typical of Newburyport's domestic architecture during the period. The double-hung window sash with nine over six lights are also characteristic of the period. The front entrance of this house has been altered and does not retain any of the original architectural detail.

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 owner and builder of this house have yet to be documented. It is very likely that the owner was one involved in the trade, ship-building, or allied crafts that prospered in this maritime settlement.

By 1851, this house had been acquired by Philip Cheever. Cheever was a cooper living in this house, at that time 114 Water Street.

In 1872, Captain John C. Cheney, master mariner, occupied this house. Clearly the association of the building are with the ocean going trades. Cheney and his heirs owned this property for several decades.

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