

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport

Address 17-19 Oakland Street

Historic Name _____

Use: Original Residence

Present Residence

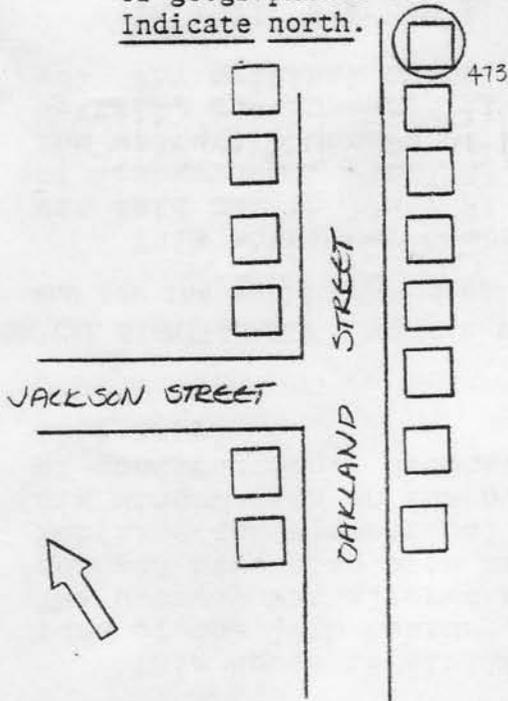
Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner _____

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. 1800

Source _____

Style Federal

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos shingle

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) Doorway

altered, addition at rear, shingled

(dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 8,870 sq. ft.

Setting In residential area of 19th

century single family dwelling.

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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 7/23/80

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

This house is similar to many homes in Newburyport built at the turn of the 19th century. Many alterations have been made to the house. The doorway was altered during the Greek Revival period. Subsequent changes have also been made to it. The house does retain its original roofline and symmetrical arrangement of windows and doors. The six over six window sash on the building's side are typical of the original period of construction. Undoubtedly, all of the windows were at one time of this type.

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

This house was probably built shortly after North Street, now Oakland was laid out in 1796. At that time, this street was the western boundary of Newburyport. In 1799, "a number of house lots on a new street facing the western boundary of Newburyport", were advertised for sale by James Kettell, auctioneer. It is possible that this lot was among those offered. The original owner and builder of the house are now known.

In 1851, Stephen R. Fox, was the owner of the house. Fox was a blacksmith, undoubtedly involved in the shipbuilding industry on Merrimack Street.

The house has been a multiple family dwelling since the mid-19th century.

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