

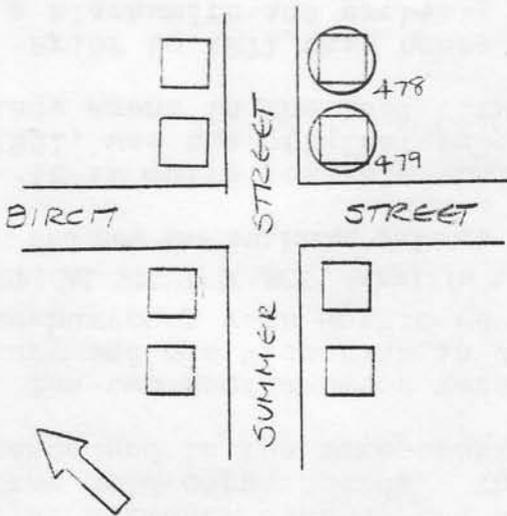
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport  
 Address 17 Summer Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use: Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Private organization  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Public  
 Original owner Unknown

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. 1845  
 Source 1851 Map of Newburyport  
 Style Early Gothic Revival/Greek Rev  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings Garage  
 Major alterations (with dates) dormers  
added (late nineteenth century)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 3,710 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area adja  
to the Merrimack River and bounded  
by Route 1 which replaced the homes  
the other side of Summer Street.

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 Organization Office of Community  
Development  
 Date 11-28-80

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

This one and a half story house with pitched roof and symmetrical five bay facade is of interest because its design was influenced by the early Gothic Revival as well as by the prevailing Greek Revival style. Greek Revival elements include the heavy classically-inspired cornice moulding and the bold cornerboards. The Gothic influence is seen in the front entrance and in the fenestration. Both have simple pointed arches.

The two roof dormers were probably added during the late nineteenth century and are Victorian in detail. There are fewer than a dozen residences in Newburyport with Gothic Revival details.

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

It is quite possible that William J. Badger, the owner of this house in 1851, was the original proprietary of the building. Badger was listed as a stage agent in the 1851 City Directory.

Prior to 1871 this house was acquired by Tristram C. Talbot. Talbot was a blacksmith and probably had his shop adjacent to his home.

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