

FORM B - BUILDING

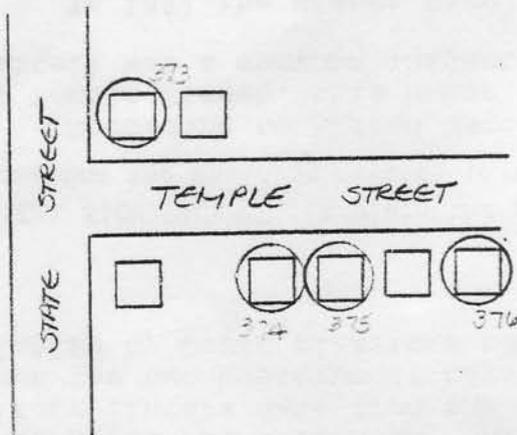
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 222 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
 Address 18-20 Temple Street
 Historic Name Samuel Kettell House
 Status: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

Draw map of location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:
 Date 18th century
 Source _____
 Style Colonial
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) additions at eastern side (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 4,340 Sq. Ft.
 Setting in residential area of 18th and 19th century houses, adjacent to the central business district.

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

The low wide gambrel roof of this house indicates that it was built during the first half of the eighteenth century. The spacing of the windows is not strictly symmetrical and it is possible that this house was originally only three bays. The present doorway and window lintels date from the later eighteenth century, probably updated when the two Westernmost bays were added to the house. The doorway is flanked by Doric pilasters supporting a classically inspired entablature.

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 Alfred Osgood's early nineteenth century recollections of Temple Street, this house was the home of Samuel Kettell. Samuel Kettell was a customs inspector in Newburyport.

In 1851 the Misses Mary and J. V. Kettell owned the house. They also had a millinery shop at 17 State Street. By 1884 Greenleaf Dodge had purchased the house. Dodge was a carpenter, living on Prospect Street. In 1884 he owned several homes on Temple Street.

In 1924 William H. Hersey, a machinist at 63 Water Street owned this house. The house was altered from a single family residence to a duplex in 1979.

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