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Inventory No:	NWB.235
Historic Name:	Currier, Charles H. - George E. House
Common Name:	
Address:	19 Ashland St
City/Town:	Newburyport
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	67-23
Year Constructed:	C 1830
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	NWB.I: Merrimack Shipbuilding District NWB.L: Newburyport Historic District
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (8/2/1984)



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FORM B - BUILDING

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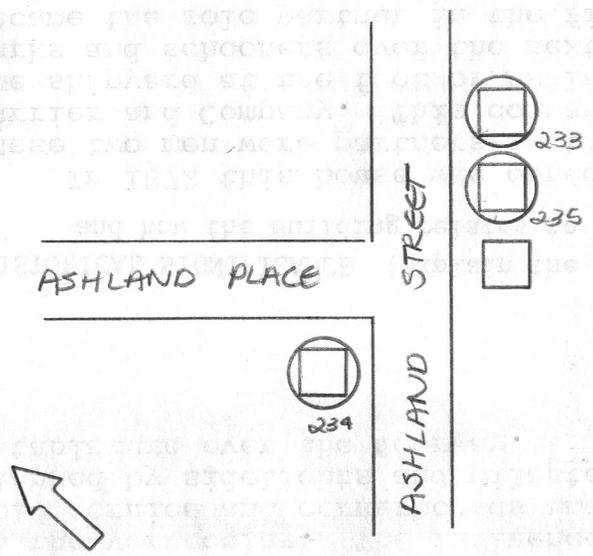


Newburyport
19 Ashland Street
 Historic Name Carrier House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Unknown

USGS - Newb W

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. 1830
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) additions on eastern and southern sides (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 18,410 sq. ft.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 12-30-80

Setting in residential area of eighteenth and nineteenth century dwellings near 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)

This two story house with pitched roof and symmetrical five bay facade is an excellent example of the Greek Revival style as interpreted in the vernacular. The influence of the style is evident in the building's bold cornice and cornerboards and in the front entrance. The door is flanked by sidelights and pilasters. The pilasters support a heavy entablature over the doorway.

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

In 1872 this house was owned by Charles H. and George E. Currier. These two men were partners in the shipbuilding firm of Charles H. Currier and Company. This company was formed in 1858 and occupied part of the shipyard at the foot of Ashland Street. They built numerous sloops, barks and schooners over the next few decades. In 1872 George E. Currier became the sole partner in the firm. He continued to build ships until 1893. During the twenty-one years that George E. Currier was the sole partner, he built twenty-one schooners, five barks and one scow for a total tonnage of 17,062. The Currier family was Newburyport's most prominent in the field of shipbuilding.

The house remained in the Currier family until 1920 when Sarah Currier, the widow of George E. Currier sold the house to Maxwell Reid.

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