

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



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

Newburyport  
213 High Street  
Rev. John Dodge House  
Original Name  
Residence  
Original Residence  
Present Residence  
Partnership:  Private individual  
 Private organization  
Public  
Original owner Rev. John Webster

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1890

Source Currier "History of Nbpt.

Style Stick style

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards, Stucco

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 2.40 acres

Setting on Newburyport's main

thoroughfare noted for its excellent

examples of domestic architecture

dating from the colonial period to the early 20th century.

(Staple additional sheets here)

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Organization Office of Community

Development

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

This house is significant in that it is the finest example of Stick Style architecture in the city of Newburyport. The house has all of the important features of the style. These include high steep roofs, complex plan and irregular silhouette. The eaves project considerably and are supported by small brackets. Half timbering is seen in the second floor and in the gable ends of the roof. It is also evident in the gable over the main entrance. The verandah which surrounds the house is also a feature often seen in the Stick style. The stucco on the second story and the ends of the roof gables accentuates the stickwork that symbolizes the unseen structural frames.

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

In 1813 this lot of land was part of a larger parcel conveyed to Thomas Cory. In 1818 Cory willed the property to Harvard College the income to be used to help young men prepare themselves for the Christian ministry. In 1831 Ephraim W. Allen, proprietor and publisher of the Newburyport Herald, purchased the property. In 1843, it was sold to Charles Storey and Thomas W. Burnham. This portion of the land was inherited by Lydia M. and Caroline A. W. Storey. In 1887 it was purchased by Rev. John Webster Dodge who built this house several years later.

Dodge lived in the house until his death just after the turn of the twentieth century.

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