

FORM B - BUILDING

Area A	Form no. 48
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Newburyport

Address 238 High Street

Historic Name Swain-Bogardus House

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Levi Swain

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1800

Source Merrill, "North End Papers"

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) porch added, doorway altered (mid-19th century)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 10,420 sq. ft.

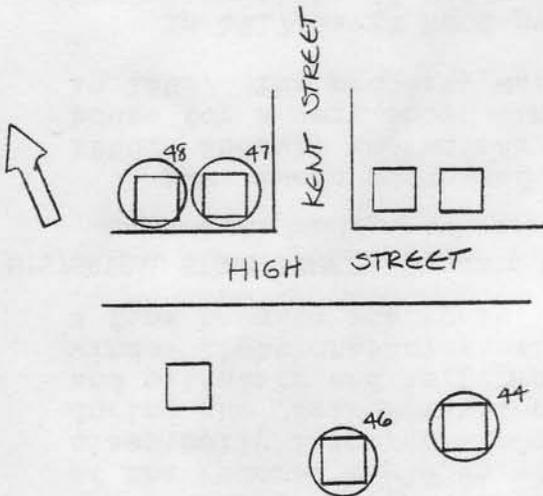
Setting on Newburyport's main

thoroughfare noted for its excellent

examples of domestic architecture

dating from the Colonial period through the early 20th century.

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



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

This house is a good example of the homes built along High Street by Newburyport's mercantile class in the early years of the nineteenth century. The house is three stories in height with a hipped roof and small square windows in the third story. These are all characteristic of the Federal style, as are the delicate modillioned cornice and the classically inspired window lintels. The main entrance was altered during the Greek Revival period. The doorway is flanked by sidelights and pilasters and is surmounted by the heavy entablature and oblong window light characteristic of the Greek Revival style. The house has a fine hanging staircase.

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

Levi Swain purchased this parcel of land from Moses Cheney in 1800. Shortly thereafter he built this house. Levi Swain owned the house for a very short time, selling the property to Jonathan Chase in 1805. The property was again sold in 1810 to Dr. John Bond.

In 1817 David Wood purchased the house at 238 High Street. There were several David Woods in Newburyport. It is not known whether Wood was Capt. David Wood or David Wood, maker of Newburyport's finest clocks, several of which are in the Historical Society of Old Newbury today.

In 1855 Capt. John Bogardus, a native of Russia, purchased this house. Little is known of this man yet he was evidently a man of the sea. Bogardus owned the property until his death. Afterwards, his wife continued to live at this address.

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