

FORM B - BUILDING

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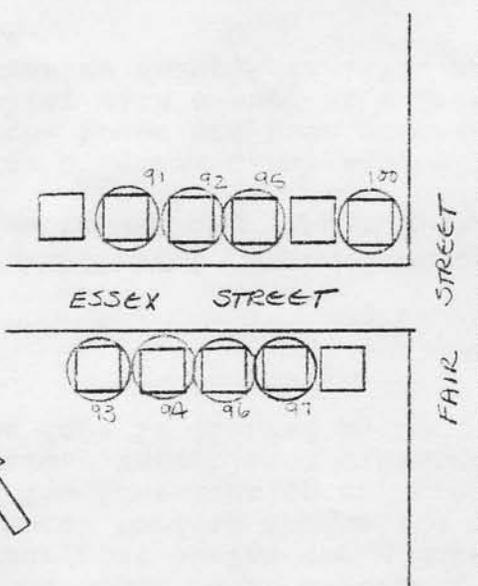
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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City Newburyport
 Address 24 Essex Street
 Historic Name Whipple House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Unknown

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date mid-eighteenth century
 Source _____
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 8,180 sq. ft.
 Setting in densely built up area in which predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

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

This house is an excellent example of the Georgian homes built in Newburyport during the middle of the eighteenth century. The wide low gambrel roof is indicative of a mid-nineteenth century construction date. The fenestration and front entrance are typically Georgian. The doorway resembles a classical temple in miniature. It is pedimented and the door is flanked by Doric pilasters.

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

The original owner and builder of this house are unknown. By 1851, the house had been purchased by Charles Whipple. Whipple was a bookseller with a shop at 4 State Street. The house was owned by Mrs. Charles Whipple in 1872, and in 1884, it was occupied by Samuel K. Whipple.

In 1924, George N. Whipple sold the house to Dr. Frank Whipple Snow, a physician. Dr. Snow is credited with bringing the Red Cross into the Newburyport area. Dr. Snow died in 1951. In 1962 the Red Cross offices were located in the house at 24 Essex Street.

Today 24 Essex Street is a single family residence with an office.

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