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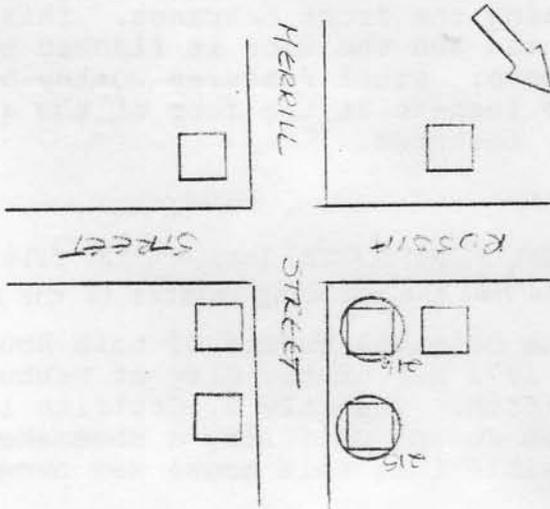
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



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



DESCRIPTION:

Original owner Unknown

Public

Partnership:  Private individual  
Private organization

Present Residence

Original Residence

Historic Name

Address 24 Merrill Street

Newburyport

Date Mid-eighteenth century  
Source Building Fabric

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 3,000 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of

primarily eighteenth and nineteenth

century domestic architecture.

(Staple additional sheets here)

Date 12-08-80

Organization Office of Community Development

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirling

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

This two story house with gambrel roof and a symmetrical five bay facade is a fine example of Georgian domestic architecture. The most striking feature of this building is the two story projecting central bay containing the front entrance. This is an unusual feature. This bay is pedimented and the door is flanked by Doric pilasters supporting an entablature above. Other features worthy of note are the massive central chimney and the lean-to at the rear of the gambrel roof. These are both mid-eighteenth century features.

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 owners of this house have yet to be documented. According to the 1872 Map of the City of Newburyport, the owner of this house was J. Griffith. The only J. Griffith listed in the city directory for that year was Joseph Griffith, a shoemaker, boarding at 15 Milk Street. It is possible that this house was owned as an investment property.

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