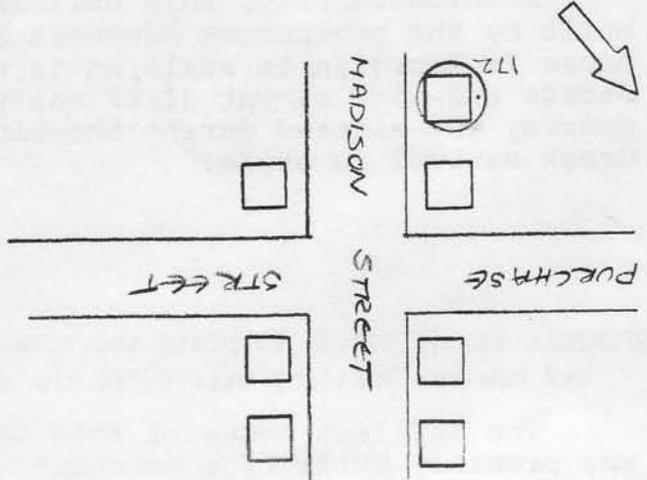


Area F

Form no. 172



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



DESCRIPTION:

Date Eighteenth Century

Source

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 3,230 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of

predominantly eighteenth century

single family dwellings adjacent

the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirling

Organization Office of Community

Development

Date 10-27-80

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

Architecturally, this building is a fine example of the dwellings built by the prosperous mariners and fishermen of Newburyport. The house is Georgian in style, as is evidenced by the symmetrical five bay facade and simple, yet classically inspired, window mouldings. The doorway was altered during the nineteenth century and is presently Greek Revival in style.

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

The earliest owner of this house has yet to be documented. It was probably built by a merchant or mariner of the water-side settlement. The later ownership of this house points to the changes in Newburyport's economy during the late nineteenth century.

In 1872, the owner of this house was Benjamin A. Thurlow. Thurlow was a very prominent name in Joppa for most of the nineteenth century. Benjamin Thurlow was a shoemaker. By this time many of the residents of the Joppa district were turning from maritime interests to cottage industries and jobs in the textile factories.

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