

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 28-30 Toppan's Lane

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Original Residence

Present Residence

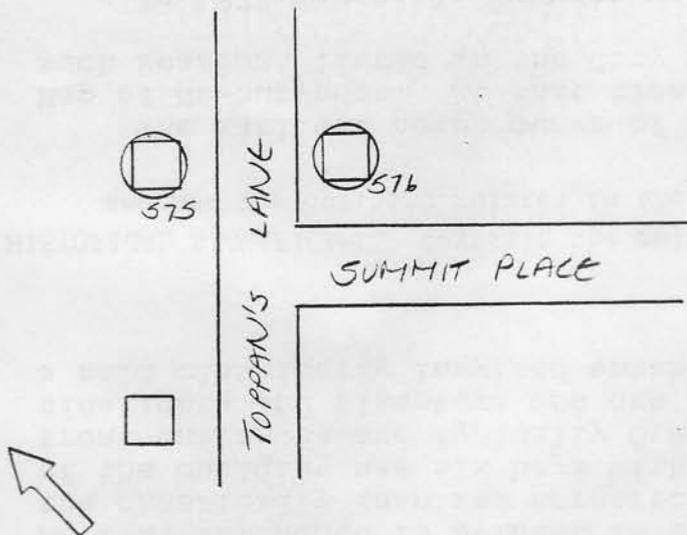
Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Unknown

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1850

Source Building Fabric

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Two Garages

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Approx. acreage 9.70 acres

Setting in residential area of primarily nineteenth century homes between High Street and Low Street.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 01-12-81

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

This two story double house is Greek Revival in style. The Greek Revival influence is evident in the wide fascia in the cornice moulding, the classically inspired cornerboards and the front doorways. The facade of the building has six bays with doorways in the middle two bays. These front entrances are typically Greek Revival. The doors are flanked by sidelights and pilasters and are surmounted by large transom lights and a bold classically inspired entablature.

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 noted owner of this house is that listed on the 1851 Map of Newburyport. At that time the proprietor was "Austin." There is no such resident listed in the City Directory for that year.

In 1872 Samuel A. Johnson was the owner of the house. Johnson was a farmer according to the City Directory for 1871.

Later Helen Scovell inherited the house from her parents Edward C. and Hannah Johnson. In 1952 the property was sold to John Peabody.

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