

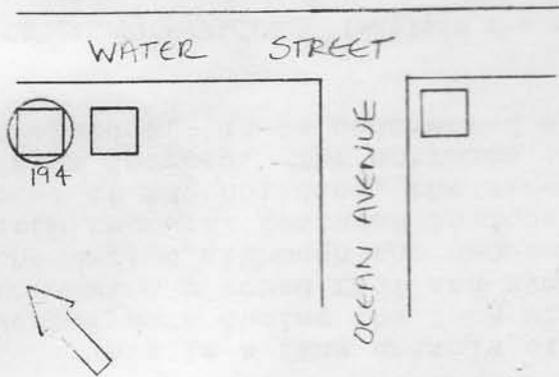
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SKETCH MAP

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



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Newburyport
 Address 284 Water Street
 Historic Name The Walsh House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date Late Eighteenth Century
 Source _____
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage, shed

Major alterations (with dates) additions at rear and on Southeast side (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 20,046 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of predominantly eighteenth century single family dwellings adjacent to the banks of the Merrimack River.

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

This is a fine example of the Georgian style as built in Newburyport during the late eighteenth century. The two story form with pitched roof and symmetrical facade was quite common during the period, although the gambrel roof was the most popular. Important architectural features include the slightly flared roofline at the rear of the building, the simple cornerboards and cornice, and the front doorway. The entrance is treated like 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)

This house is one of the more pretentious built in the Joppa, or fishing district of Newburyport. The original owners have yet to be documented but were probably associated with the maritime interests focused on the Merrimack River. In 1872 the house was occupied by George W. Perkins. Perkins was a fisherman.

The house is known as the Walsh house because Walter J. Walsh was its owner in the early part of the twentieth century.

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