

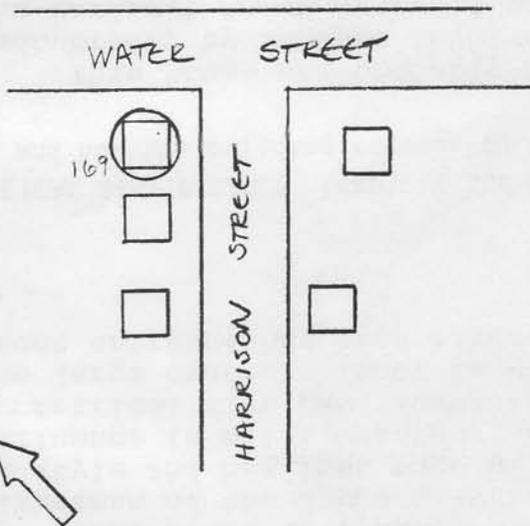
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 2 Harrison Street
 Historic Name Residence
 Original Residence
 Present _____
 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 Eighteenth Century
 Source _____
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) front entrance altered, additions on endwalls window sash replaced (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 3,280 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of predominantly eighteenth century single family dwellings adjacent to the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house is typical of the buildings built by the mariners and fisherman of the Joppa district. Although this house is vernacular in style and has lost some of its architectural detail, the Georgian influence is still evident. The two story pitched-roof form with symmetrical five bay facade is characteristic of the Georgian period. The large center chimney is worthy of note. Unfortunately the original front entrance has been altered and the window sash have been replaced.

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 was probably built during the mid-eighteenth century, undoubtedly by someone involved in the prosperous maritime industries. The earliest known owner of the house is that noted on the 1851 Plan of Newburyport. At that time the Thurlow family was the owner. Thurlow is quite a common name among the residents of Joppa during the nineteenth century.

In 1872, Charles W. Thurlow owned and occupied this dwelling. He was a fisherman by trade. The house was owned by the Thurlow clan until 1920 when Agnes W. Thurlow sold the house to Arthur and Eva Pepin, who still own the property.

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