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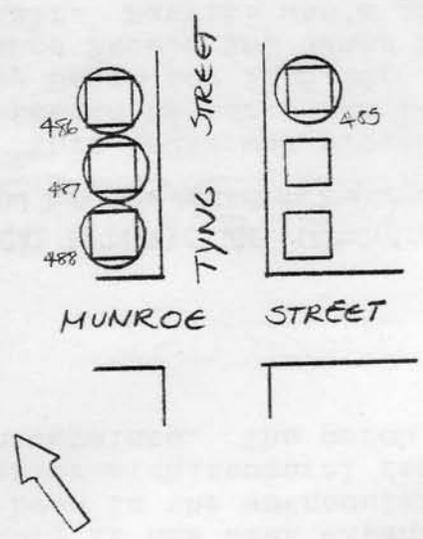
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 30-32 Tyng Street
 Historic Name _____
 Type: 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. 1800
 Source Merrill, "North End Papers"
 Style _____
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage (1956)
 Major alterations (with dates) extensive
additions have been made to this house
including several additions at the rear
bay windows, and several porches (date
 Moved _____ Date unknown
 Approx. acreage 14,370 sq. ft.
 Setting In residential area in which
most of the houses were originally built
as single family residences in the
nineteenth century.

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

Although this building dates from the turn of the nineteenth century it has been extensively altered. Because each construction phase has been in the vernacular style, the building has few distinguishing exterior architectural features. The cornice moulding appears to have been retained. The porch with simply turned balusters.

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 by Moses Coffin at the turn of the nineteenth century. In 1808 the house, then four rooms, was sold to Moody Heath for \$315.00. In 1811 it again changed hands being acquired by Amos Skeels and James Merrill. At that time the property was divided in half. Merrill was a shipbuilder in Newburyport's North End. In 1817 Skeels bought Merrill's share of the property and in 1821 the house was sold to Captain William Cheney at a cost of \$300.00. In 1828 Cheney increased his property with the acquisition of adjacent land. He made additions to the house and built a barn at the same time.

Cheney's title suggests that he was involved with the mercantile interests which prospered in Newburyport early in the nineteenth century. Most of the people that lived on Tyng Street were associated with the shipbuilding industry or allied trades.

Captain Cheney died in 1876 but his wife continued to live here for several years.

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