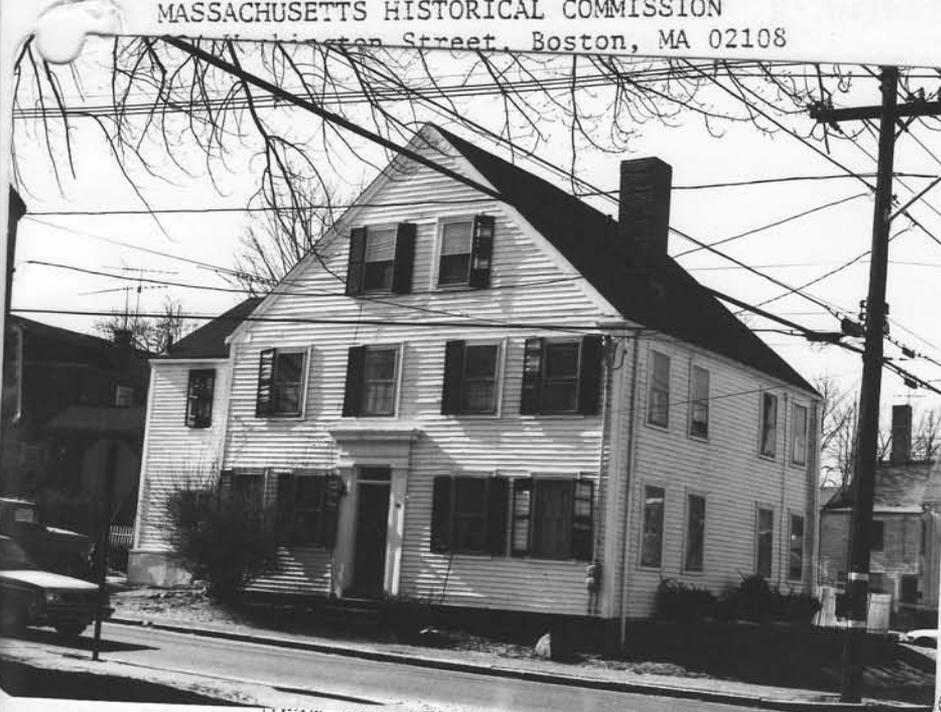


FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 100 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 30 Fair Street

Historic Name

Original Residence

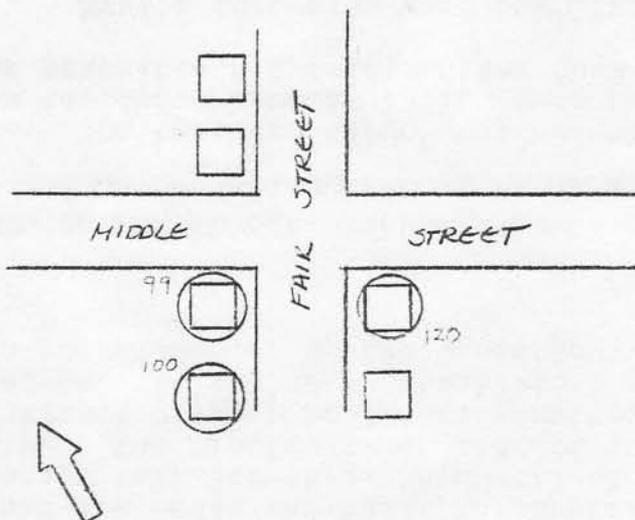
Present Residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date Early 19th Century

Source

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) addition on Southwest side (date unknown)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 4,468 sq. ft.

Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 10-04-80

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The form of this house is quite unusual, possibly indicating that the house was built in several phases. The facade of the building, facing Fair Street, is asymmetrical and could have been extended at some time. The Middle Street side of the building is symmetrical. The front entrance of this house has some Federal features. The proportions are Federal, yet the heavy entablature and the pilasters flanking the door appear to be influenced by the Greek Revival 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 known owner of this house is Thomas Huse who was in residence here in 1851. Huse was a hatter. It is possible that he practiced his trade in the house as well.

Huse's interests were not limited to making hats. In 1851, he was on a committee to present a petition to the General Court for a city charter for the town of Newburyport. The following year Huse served as an alderman from Ward One. Finally, Huse owned an interest in the Brig "Merrimac" built in Newburyport in 1845.

Prior to 1884, this house was sold to Nathan Poor. Poor owned several stores on Pleasant Street. It is not known whether he ever took up residence at 30 Fair Street. It is quite possible that he owned this house as an investment.

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