

FORM B - BUILDING

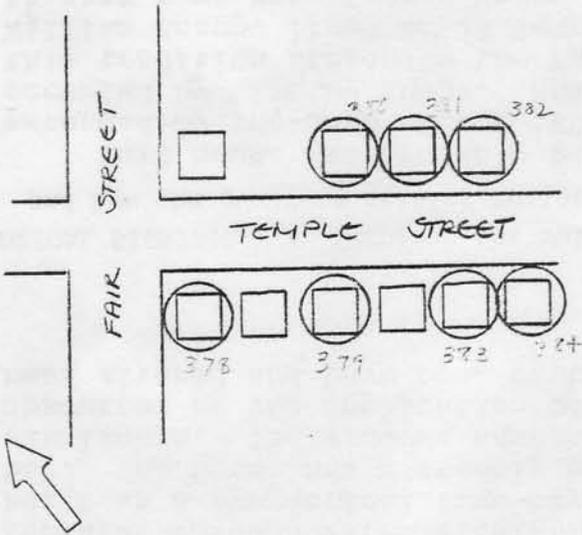
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 222 Washington Street Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 33-35 Temple Street
 Historic Name Timothy Knapp House
 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 18th century
 Source Osgood, "Recollections of Temple Street"
 Style Colonial
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric asphalt siding and roofing paper
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) doorways altered (date unknown), resided (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage _____
 Setting in residential area of 18th and 19th century houses.

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

This is an early house that has lost most of its architectural features through later alterations. The house was probably originally built as a symmetrical five bay house with the entrance in the central bay. The house has a steeply pitched roof and windows with nine over six lights. The windows have simple surrounds which have been partly obscured by the application of asphalt siding. The doorways have also been altered and have none of their original architectural detail.

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 early in the eighteenth century and extended by two bays before 1800. At about that time the house was occupied by Timothy Knapp. Knapp was a ship's caulker and graver. This tradition stayed in the Knapp family for generations. In 1851 William Knapp, lived at 33 Temple and is also listed as a caulker. At that time Mrs. Fannie Knapp lived in the other half of the house, then 31 Temple.

This house remained in the Knapp family until the end of the nineteenth century. The Knapp family also owned the house at 37 Temple Street.

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