

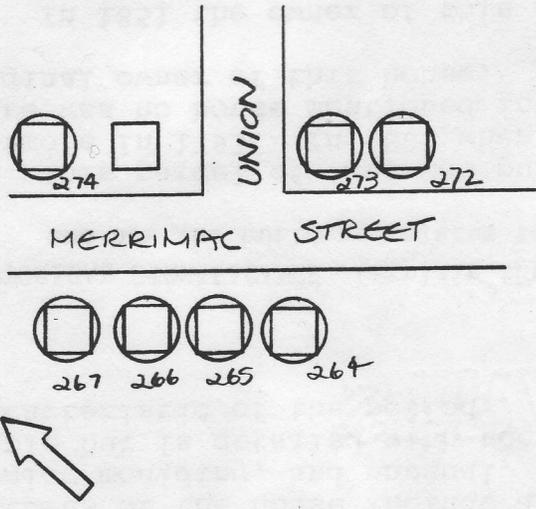
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MA 02108



Newburyport
344 Merrimac Street
 Historic Name Levi Carr House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Levi Carr

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1805
 Source Essex County Registry of Deeds
 Style _____
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage and shed
 Major alterations (with dates) several additions at rear (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 14,373 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of late eighteenth and nineteenth century houses on the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 01-04-80

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This two story house with pitched roof and symmetrical, five bay facade is an excellent example of the vernacular architecture built in Newburyport around the turn of the nineteenth century. Noteworthy features of the house include a large central chimney, simple Federal cornice moulding, and unusual, eared window lintels. The doorway is simple but is detailed with the pilasters and simple entablature characteristic of the period.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This parcel of land was purchased from George Burroughs by Jacob Whitmore in 1793. In 1801 when Whitmore sold the property to Levi Carr there was no house mentioned in the deed of sale. Carr was probably the original owner of this house.

In 1851 the owner of this house was Levi Carr, probably the son of the builder of the house. He was a shipcarpenter who was employed as a foreman by John Currier, Jr. for many years. The Currier shipyard was located on the riverbanks adjacent to this house. Carr was also part-owner of Carr's Island.

In 1872 Levi Carr still owned this house. Also in residence at that time was Charles H. Carr, also a shipcarpenter. Levi Carr died in 1876 at the age of eighty. At that time the house was willed to his heirs.

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