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

This house is an excellent example of the fine Georgian mansions built in Newburyport by the wealthy mercantile class at the end of the nineteenth century. Although the gambrel roof is often associated with an earlier date, this form persisted and was popular in Newburyport through the turn of the nineteenth century. The Little-Potter house has the fine solid symmetry typical of the Georgian styles. The cornice moulding and window surrounds are classically inspired yet very simple in their execution. The most elaborate feature of the building is the doorway which indicates that the building was built while the Federal

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

In 1780 Jacob Coffin purchased this parcel of land from his father Benjamin Coffin. Coffin owned the property until 1792 and it is assumed that he built this house. When the land was sold to Jacob Little in 1792, it included a dwelling as well.

Jacob Little was a prominent shipowner and in 1822 he established himself as a broker on Wall Street. His business prospered there as it had in Newburyport. The Little family owned the house until 1878. At that time it was sold. The house had several subsequent owners before being purchased by James Lee Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Potter moved into the Jacob Little House on August 23, 1923. At that time Mr. Potter was an employee of the Haverhill Gas Company. He later took up employment in the field of investments in Boston. The Potters still live in the house at 360 High Street.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 65
Property Name: Little-Potter Hse. 360 High Street	

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

style was popular. The door is flanked by sidelights and has an elegant portico. This portico is pedimented and is supported by the Roman Doric order. This house has some fine interior details which are also Federal in style.

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