

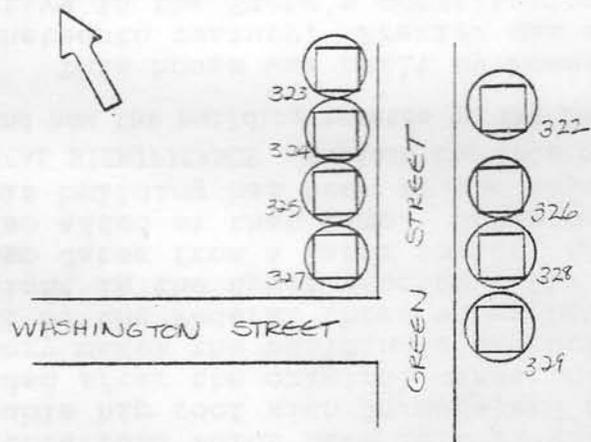
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
100 State Street, Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 37 Green Street
 Historic Name Frazier-Greenleaf House
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residential/funeral parl.
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Moses Frazier

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



DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1790
 Source Howells, "Architectural Heritage of the Merrimack"
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Aluminum siding over clapboards
 Outbuildings Attached garage at rear
 Major alterations (with dates) Third floor added (date unknown), several additions at rear (date unknown) porch added (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 12,244 sq. ft.
 Setting House is set approximately two feet off Green Street in an area of excellent Georgian and Federal domestic architecture presently housing mixed residential and commercial uses.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 6-30-80

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

The Frazier-Greenleaf House has undergone several periods of alterations which have left it with an unusual form. The third floor, double hip roof with dormers, and dentil molding at the cornice were added after the original construction date. The addition of a full third story makes the building's proportions unusual for Newburyport. Nearly all of the Federal three story houses in Newburyport have decreasing height in the upper stories. The entrance to the Frazier-Greenleaf house also dates from a later period, that of the Greek Revival. A porch was also added at that time. Unfortunately, the use of aluminum siding on this building has been at the expense of the detail of window lintels and sills.

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 built by Moses Frazier around the turn of the nineteenth century. Frazier was one of Newburyport's early patriots, active in the State's constitutional conventions. He advocated the protection of trading interests to the Continental Congress of 1774. In that year, Frazier was chosen as a member of a committee of safety to consult and advise with each other and, if need be, to communicate to the town any measures that may appear to be conducive to the public benefit, more especially to be watchful that no encroachments are made on Constitutional Rights and Liberties. Frazier served as town selectman 1778-1781 and 1786, as town treasurer 1782-1783, and was elected as a representative to the General Court in the years between 1777 and 1781.

John Quincy Adams, studying law in Newburyport, courted Mary Frazier, daughter of Moses Frazier, in this house.

Jonathan Greenleaf later lived in the house. He was a shipbuilder with a shipyard at the bottom of what is now Federal Street. He, in partnership with Ralph and Stephen Cross, built the frigates "Boston", "Hancock", and "Protector" for the State of Massachusetts between 1776-1778. Greenleaf also served in the General Court, and as Senator 1790-1791.

In 1851 and 1872, Stephen W. Marston lived in the house. He was Justice of the Police Court in Newburyport, elected President of the Newburyport Bank in 1836, and was also President of the Newburyport Steam Cotton Company. Building converted to a funeral home in twentieth century.

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