

FORM B - BUILDING

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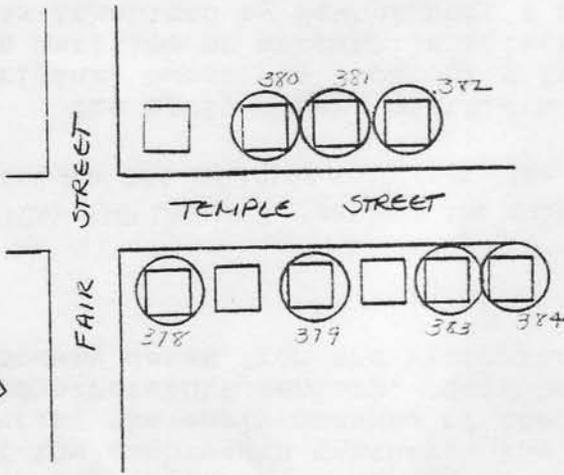
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 39-41 Temple Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 _____ Private organization
 _____ Public
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:
 Date 18th century
 Source _____
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) two bays added on eastern side, addition at rear (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 4,170 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of 18th and 19th century homes.



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

This house was probably built during the middle of the eighteenth century, with a symmetrical five bay facade. It is quite possible that two bays were added to the eastern side of the building before the end of the eighteenth century. The gambrel roof became popular in Newburyport during the early decades of the eighteenth century but persisted until the nineteenth century. This home has been altered. The present front doorway dates from the Victorian period.

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

The early owners of this house have not been documented. The original owner was apparently fairly well off and was probably involved in maritime or mercantile affairs. The neighborhood around Temple Street was inhabited by Newburyport's merchants and mariners prior to the development of High Street as the most desirable and prestigious residential area in the city. This change occurred at the turn of the nineteenth century.

In 1884, 39-41 Temple Street was owned by Mrs. Isaac C. Clement, then living at 58 High Street. This house was probably owned as an investment property. This was true of many of the homes on Temple Street at the time. With the development of the textile and shoe industries the homes were probably rented to those working in the adjacent industrial areas.

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