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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

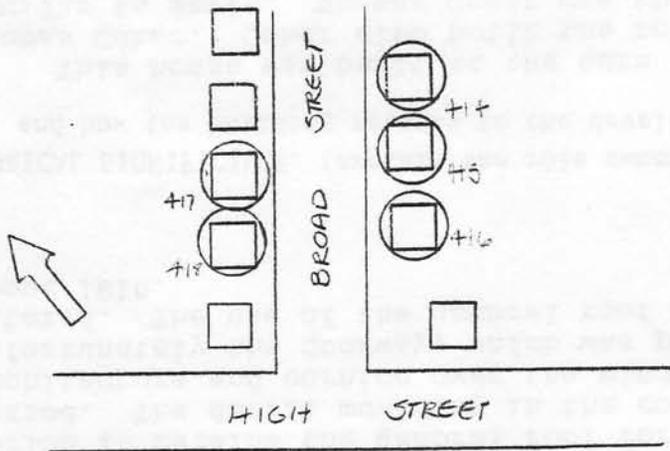


City Newburyport
 Address 42 Broad Street
 Historic Name Residence
 Original Residence
 Present _____
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Thomas Coker

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1800
 Source Howells, "Arch. Heritage of the Merrimack"
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
 Outbuildings Barn
 Major alterations (with dates) Doorway altered (date unknown)



Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 14,050 sq. ft.
 Setting Residential neighborhood of 18th, 19th, and 20th century houses.

Recorded by Scott Ackerly
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 7/28/80

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

This house is transitional in style. Built during the Federal period it retains the gambrel roof form typical of the earlier Georgian period. The dentil moulding in the cornice and the use of simple architecture and cornice over the windows are also transitional elements. Unfortunately the doorway, which was probably Federal in style has been altered. The use of the gambrel roof persisted in Newburyport until about 1810.

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 at the turn of the nineteenth century by Thomas Coker. Coker also built the house at 266 High Street which is similar in style. Thomas Coker was the son of Samuel Coker, a signer of the petition to make Newburyport a town in 1764. The younger Coker was a builder and contractor who constructed many fine homes in the town at the turn of the nineteenth century.

In 1851 the house was owned by Joseph Newall, a butcher with a shop on Pleasant Street. Newall was also a member of the City's first Common Council in 1851.

Prior to 1884 this house was purchased by George A. Philbrick who owned the house well into the twentieth century.

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