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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 44-46 Temple Street

Historic Name _____

Use: Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner _____

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1855

Source 1851, 1872 Maps of Nbpt.

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

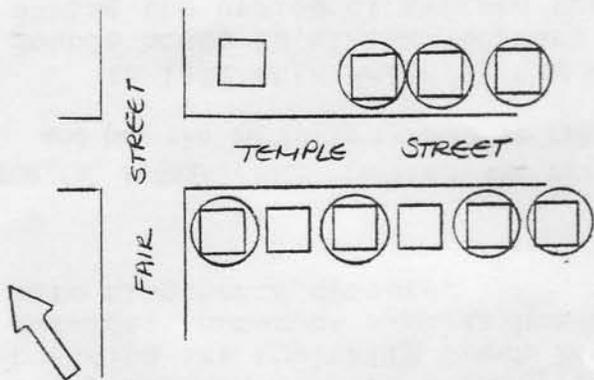
Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____ bay window added, addition on Western side (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 5,030 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of 18th and 19th century homes.



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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 09-01-80

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

This double house was built at the end of the Greek Revival period. The building's architectural details are simple yet distinctly Greek in inspiration. The main entrance is trabeated. It is flanked by Doric pilasters and the doors have large oblong window lights above. The pilasters support a heavy Greek entablature. The cornerboards of the building are typically Greek Revival as is the wide flat fascia in the cornice. Numerous similar homes were built in Newburyport during the late nineteenth century.

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

In 1872 this building was owned by Mrs. Harriet Cummings. This double house is similar to many other large homes built in Newburyport during the period of extreme growth of the textile and shoe industries. These became an important part of Newburyport's economy between 1845 and 1880. During that time period numerous workers cottages, and boarding houses were built in the city. This building was probably a boarding house.

In 1884 half of the house was occupied by Charles H. Meader, a mason. The property was in the Meader family until the 1920's.

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