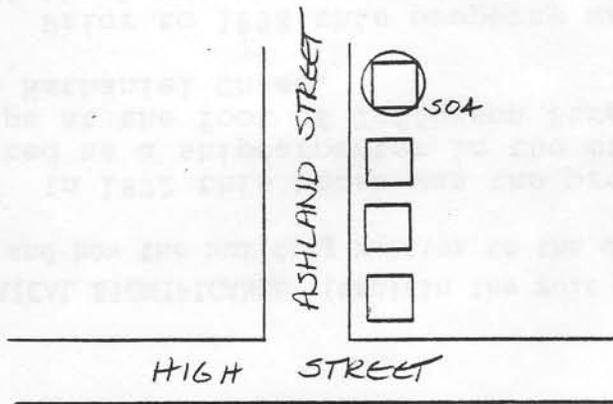


MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 51-53 Ashland Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1850
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage, sheds

Major alterations (with dates) additions at side (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 18,400 sq. ft.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 01-08-81

Setting in residential area adjacent to the High Street Historic District.

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

This two and a half story home with gable roof is a good example of the Greek Revival style as interpreted in the vernacular during the mid-nineteenth century. The influence of the style is evident in the orientation of the house with gable facing the street suggestive of a Greek temple. The style also inspired the building's cornice and cornerboards as well as the front entrance. The door is flanked by sidelights and pilasters supporting a bold entablature.

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 house was the property of Ezra Trumbull. Trumbull is listed as a shipcarpenter in the city directory of that year. He built ships at the foot of Jefferson Street in partnership with William B. Coffin and Nathaniel Chase.

Prior to 1898 this property was conveyed to John M. Pearson. Pearson sold the house to Bessie Morse in that year. In 1909 she in turn sold the house to Mabel Wagner.

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