

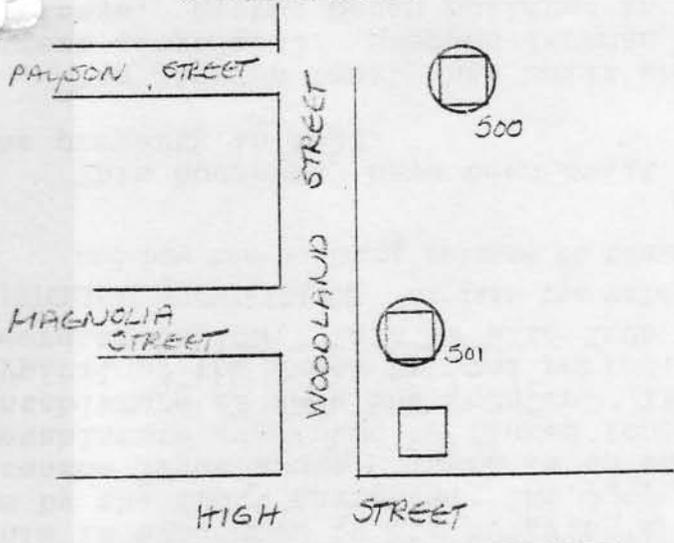
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 Street Boston MA 02108



town Newburyport
 Address 51 Woodland Street
 Historic Name _____
 Date: 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 Mid-Nineteenth Century
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 23,870 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area near the High Street Historic District.

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

This two and a half story house with hipped roof, cupola and roof dormers is quite unusual. This may be attributed to the fact that it was owned by a shipbuilder. The building is clearly Greek Revival in style. This is evidenced by the building's bold cornice and cornerboards as well as by the front entrance. The door is flanked by sidelights with a large transom light above. There is an entrance porch detailed by a heavy entablature supported by fluted Ionic columns. The cupola has the same entablature as does the cornice. The window lintels in this house are not typical of the Greek Revival period. They are more characteristic of the Georgian period. This is also true of the hipped roof.

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 may have been built by George W. Jackman, the owner of the property in 1872.

The Jackman family had built ships in a yard at the foot of Forrester Street since 1822. Stephen Jackman preceded George, his brother in the business. George began building in the yard when his brothers estate was settled in 1849.

Jackman started building barks and soon moved into the production of true clipper ships. During the Civil War Jackman built the U. S. Gunboat "Marblehead", launched October 16, 1861. In the twenty-five years that Jackman ran the yard it built one schooner, one brig, six barks, twenty-three ships, one U. S. Gunboat and three steamers. Of the nine true clippers built in Newburyport, he built six. He also built the only steamship in Newburyport the largest vessels built on the Merrimack and the only U. S. naval craft built in Newburyport during the Civil War.

The Jackman yard was closed in 1879 after one hundred years of shipbuilding.

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