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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 53-55 Milk Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

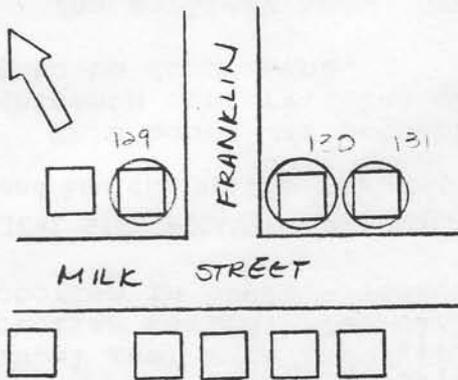
Present Residence

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 Eighteenth Century

Source _____

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) addition on

Western side, window sash altered,

doorways altered (late nineteenth century)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 4,160 sq. ft.

Setting in densely built up

area in which the predominant building

type is that of eighteenth century

single family dwellings.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 09-30-80

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

The wide low gambrel roof in this house would indicate a mid-eighteenth century construction date. The building's facade is symmetrical and five bays wide. This is typical of the Georgian period when domestic architecture became more formal than strictly functional. The window sash and doorways have been altered. The small window lights surrounding a larger pane in the windows under the gambrel roof were inspired by the Queen Anne style popular during the Victorian period. The turned brackets ornamenting the doorways are also Victorian in style.

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 probably built during the third quarter of the eighteenth century. The original owner and construction date have yet to be documented.

The earliest known owner is noted on the 1851 Plan of Newburyport. At that time the house was owned by Henry Piper. Piper was a mason contractor. It is interesting to note that Stephen Kimball, the owner of the houses on either side of Piper was of the same occupation. Henry Piper and his heirs owned this house for several decades.

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