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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 59 Milk Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Original Residence

Present Residence

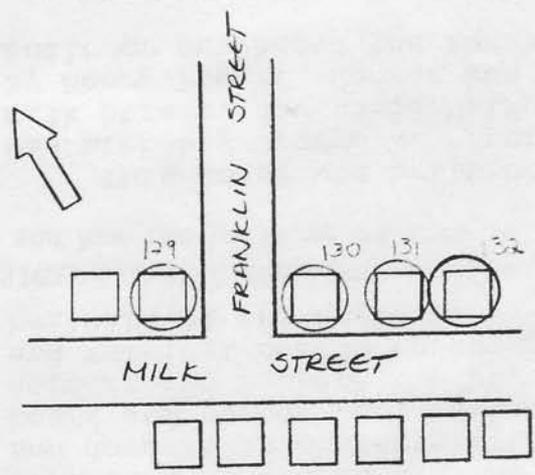
Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner George W. Piper

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1880

1872 Map of Newburyport

Source 1884 Atlas of Essex County

Style Stick Style

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Garage, also Stick style

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 6,177 sq. ft.

Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type

is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 09-29-80

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

This house is one of the few Stick Style buildings in Newburyport. The features of the style seen in this example are the tall proportions with high, steep roofs, complex plan and irregular silhouette. The eaves project considerably and are supported by brackets. The stickwork at the gable ends of the roof and dormers is characteristic of the style as is the occasional board and batter wall surface seen in several places like in the dormers and beneath the bay windows. Finally, the use of horizontal and vertical boards to suggest the unseen structural frame is a hallmark of the 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 built between 1872 and 1884. The original owner was probably George W. Piper. Piper is listed as boarding at 43 Milk Street, now 53-55 Milk Street, in 1872. That house was owned by Henry Piper. George was probably his son and before 1884 George built or purchased the house at 59 Milk Street.

George W. Piper was an insurance agent in partnership with Albert P. Sawyer. The firm name was Piper and Sawyer and it was located at 39 State Street. George W. Piper also served as City Treasurer from 1876 until 1883.

Henry Krohn was the owner of the house during the early decades of the twentieth century. The house is presently divided into five apartments.

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