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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



Location Newburyport
 Address 6-8 Temple Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner David Wood

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

DESCRIPTION:
 Date pre - 1845

Source Currier, "Ould Newbury"
 Style Vernacular

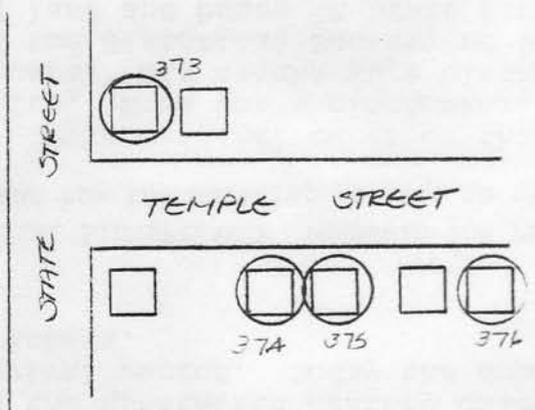
Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) doorway altered (c. 1900), additions at rear (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 5,928 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of 18th and 19th century houses, adjacent to the central business district.



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

This house has a simple two story form with pitched roof and symmetrical facade. Apparently this has always been a two family dwelling although the doorways were Greek Revival in character before they were altered about 1900. The cornice moulding and window surrounds are not Greek Revival and may indicate that this house was built earlier in the nineteenth century while the doors were updated during the Greek Revival period. Today the doors are ornamented only by some stick-like brackets.

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

The original owner of this house was probably David Wood or his heirs. Wood was a clockmaker, born in 1766. His shop was in Market Square. His clocks were elegant and several are now in the collection of the Historical Society of Old Newbury. David Wood purchased a parcel of land and house on State Street between Charter and Temple Streets in 1796. Although this is not the house purchased by Wood it could be on the property owned by him, possibly built for a member of the family.

In 1851 this house was owned by an heir of the elder Wood. His name was also David. The younger Wood lived on High Street. Woodland Street was named after him in 1843.

Before 1884 this house was sold to Greenleaf Dodge. Dodge was a carpenter with a business at 9 Ferry Wharf. He did not live in this house but resided at 58 Prospect Street. Dodge owned several properties in the South End, including the Lowell House next door and the house at 18-20 Temple Street.

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