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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Newburyport

Address 6 Vernon Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

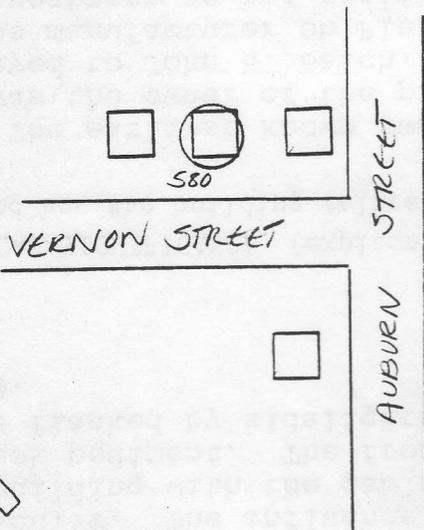
Public _____

Original owner Unknown



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. 1850

Source Building Fabric
1851 Map of Newburyport

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 3,300 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area
adjacent to historic High Street.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community
Development

Date 01-16-81

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

This two and a half story house with pitched roof and three bay facade is a good example of the Greek Revival style interpreted in the vernacular. The influence of the style is evident in the orientation of the building with the gable of the roof facing the street suggestive of a Greek pediment. The front entrance is also typically Greek in style. It is flanked by sidelights and pilasters that support a bold entablature above.

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

The earliest known owner of this house is John Devereaux, a seaman, who was the owner of the property in 1851. Prior to 1872 the house was conveyed to John H. Balch. Balch was employed by E. P. Dodge and Company, a shoe manufacturer on Pleasant Street. He probably owned this house as an investment as his residence was on Court Street.

In 1888 Amos Noyes and Hannah Lunt sold this house to Margaret, Julia and Mary B. O'Connell. The property remained in the O'Connell family for over fifty years.

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