

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 7-9 Ship Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

Present Residence

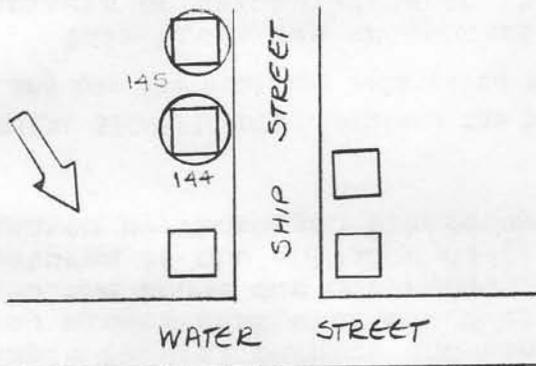
Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

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 Eighteenth Century

Source _____

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards /aluminum siding

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 5,290 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 10-04-80

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

This house is typical of the three story Federal houses with hipped roofs built by Newburyport's wealthier citizens at the turn of the nineteenth century. This house retains its Federal form, simple Federal cornice and window lintels and the original double hung window sash with six over six lights. The doorway was altered when the house was converted into a two family house. The Federal features of the entrance have been lost and the doorway is presently flanked by Victorian brackets.

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 undoubtedly built by one of Newburyport's merchants mariners or shipbuilders at the turn of the nineteenth century. In 1851 the house was owned by Captain Anthony Knapp. The Knapp family had been associated with the Woodwell shipyard at the foot of Marlboro Street for decades. It is quite possible that the original owner and builder of this house was a member of the Knapp family. In fact it could have been built by Anthony Knapp. He was born in 1778, the youngest child of Nathaniel and Mary Knapp.

Captain Anthony Knapp was clearly associated with Newburyport's trade. He also served as a selectman in the town of Newburyport in 1839.

This house remained in the Knapp family until 1911 when C. A. Knapp sold the house to Joseph Woods. Today this house is a multiple family dwelling.

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