

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 Street Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 76 Lime Street

Historic Name Capt. Paul Simpson House

Original Residence

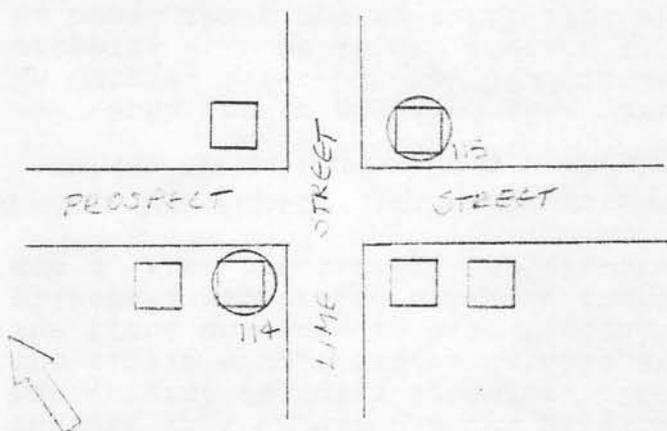
Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner John Lander

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1798

Source Chase, "House Research Project"
76 Lime Street

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) shed
dormers added (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 6,220 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 Stirgwort
 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 two and one half story, gambrel roofed dwelling is an excellent example of the Georgian homes built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. The gambrel roof with pitch is an unusual feature that provided a lot of extra space on two floors. The house has several Georgian features. The symmetrical five bay facade and the simple architectural details are characteristic of the style. The front entrance is also typically Georgian. It is flanked by Doric pilasters supporting a simple entablature above. The shed dormers are a later addition to the structure.

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

John Lander acquired this parcel of land from Miss Sarah Roberts in October 1797. In May 1799 Lander, a tallowchandler, sold the property with buildings thereon to George Nowell. Nowell was a mariner. He owned the property until 1803 when it was sold to Mrs. Abigail Hodger wife of John Sewall Hodge, Mariner. John Sewall Hodge died at sea a year later. His widow married Captain Paul Simpson in 1806. Simpson was a prominent merchant and served as vice-president of the Newburyport Marine Society.

After the marriage the house at 76 Lime Street was conveyed to Captain Simpson. The Simpson family owned the house for the next one hundred and twenty years. In 1854 Paul Simpson died leaving the property to his wife. At the time of her death in 1861, the house was passed onto their son Thomas Charles Simpson. The younger Simpson was a merchant and shipowner. He lived in this house until 1874 when the family moved to High Street. The house was rented for a time, although ownership stayed in the Simpson family. This was true until 1923 when the property was sold to Moses Stevens ending the long period of ownership by the Simpson family.

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