

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	NWB.582
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Morrison, Rufus House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	8-10 Vernon St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Newburyport
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	35-155,155A
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	R 1750
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Georgian
<b>Use(s):</b>	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	NWB.L: Newburyport Historic District
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Nat'l Register District (8/2/1984)



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Area <u>L</u>	Form no. 582
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*VSGS-Newburyport*



Newburyport

Address 8-10 Vernon Street

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

Original Residence

Present Residence

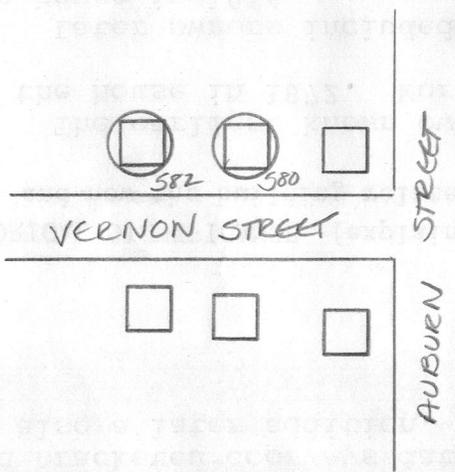
Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Unknown

*June 1980*

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 Building Fabric

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) dormer added, bay windows added, doorways altered (dates unknown)

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

Approx. acreage 4,480 sq. ft.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 01-16-81

Setting in residential area adjacent to historic High Street.

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

This two story house with pitched roof and lean-to at rear probably dates from the late eighteenth century. The house does not have a symmetrical facade and was possibly built in two phases. Little of the original architectural detail of this house survives. The bay windows and bracketed doorways date from the Victorian period. The roof dormer is also a later addition.

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 was Rufus Morrison, owner of the house in 1872. Morrison was a mason.

Later owners included Bessie Banks and William Cusack, owners of the house in 1924.

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