Form no.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

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toric Name Carter-Tilton House

:: Original Residence

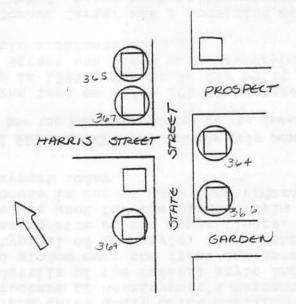
Present Residence/multiple

hership: Private individual
Private organization

Public

Original owner Joshua Carter

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



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community

Development

Date 6-30-80

ESCRIPTION:

Date 1800

Source	Hale, "Old	Newburyport	Houses
Style	Federal	Cattan STS 1	ra e d

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) Brick

addition at rear (date unknown),

converted to multiple family dwelling (date unknown)

Date

Approx. acreage 17,050 sq. ft.

Setting Adjacent to central business district on Newburyport's main street. State Street has some very fine examples of Georgian and Federal domestic architecture.

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

This three story brick dwelling is a fine example of the domestic architecture of Newburyport's mercantile class. The house exhibits many details of the Federal style including the dentil cornice and the arched window over the front entrance. The overall form of the house is also typical of the style. It is three stories in height with windows of decreasing size on the upper floors. The Flemish bond of the building's facade was used for the higher style buildings during the Federal period. This house is one of many fine Federal homes still in existance in Newburyport today.

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

The land on which 100 State Street stands was purchased by Joshua Carter in 1795. The house was built shortly thereafter. In 1800, State Street was lined with Newburyport's finest Georgian and Federal domestic architecture.

Joshua Carter was a prominent merchant. He was the owner of the Ship "Mary", taken by British privateers in 1794. He also owned the Brig "Anna", which was captured by French privateers in 1798 during the war between France and Britain. Carter filled several civic positions including that of town selectman for several terms between 1786 and 1800. In June 1792, he was one of the original "Proprietors of the Locks and Canals on the Merrimack River". In 1799, he was one of the incorporators of the Newburyport Marine Insurance Company. In 1803, he helped to establish the Newburyport Bank and in 1807 was involved in founding the Newburyport Academy. He was elected clerk of this organization two years later. In 1817, Carter was on the committee to welcome President Monroe to Newburyport. Munroe visited the famous Wolfe Tavern which stood next to 100 State Street until it was demolished several decades ago.

In 1820, Carter helped to organize the Institution for Savings, still in existance today and occupying an excellent Italianate building across the street.

In 1823, the house was sold to Travis Todd. Todd was also involved in shipping and had a business on State Street. In 1829, William Lloyd Garrison was imprisoned in Baltimore for publishing libelous statements relating to the transporting of slaves in a ship owned by Todd. When

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Form No:

Newburyport 369

Property Name: Carter-Tilton Hse.
100 State Street

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONT.)

Garrison was released, he returned to Boston to publish "The Liberator" on June 1, 1831.

In 1850, the house was sold to Enoch Tilton, the proprietor of the Merrimac House. This business was located next door in what was earlier known as the Wolfe Tavern.