

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	NWB.566
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Safford, Samuel - O'Connell, Timothy House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	140 State St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Newburyport
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	35-12
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	C 1840
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	NWB.L: Newburyport Historic District NWB.U: State Street
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Nat'l Register District (8/2/1984)



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## FORM B - BUILDING

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Area

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Form no.

566



Newburyport

Address 140 State Street

Historic Name

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: ☒ Private individual  
Private organization

Public

Original owner Unknown

6/1980  
Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.

## DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1840

Source 1851 Map of Newburyport

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Barn

Major alterations (with dates) porches added, bay window added, front entrance altered (dates unknown)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 11,500 sq. ft.

Setting on one of Newburyport's main thoroughfares that is part of the early route between Newburyport and Boston.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwalt

Organization Office of Community

Date April 11, 1981 Development

(Staple additional sheets here)



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

This two and a half story house with gable roof has the form and proportions characteristic of the Greek Revival period. The gable of the roof faces the street and the boxed cornice creates the effect of a Greek temple front. Other features typical of the Greek style are the building's bold cornice entablature and cornerboards. The bay window and front entrance were updated during the Victorian period. They have simple dentil mouldings and the door is ornamented by scrolled 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)

The earliest documented owner of this house is Samuel Safford. Safford was a cabinet maker and his shop was located at 10 Middle Street. In 1874 the house was occupied by Mrs. Samuel Safford. Two years later the property was sold to Timothy O'Connell. The O'Connell family owned the house until the 1940's.

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