

FORM B - BUILDING

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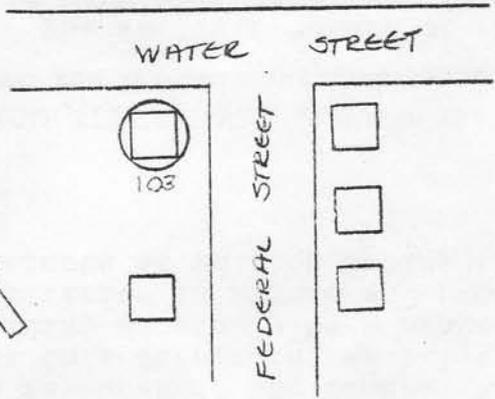


Newburyport
 Address 2 Federal Street
 Historic Name Philip Johnson House
 Original Residence
 Present Residential/commercial
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner _____

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1825
 Source _____
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 8,890 sq. ft.



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Setting At the corner of Water and Federal Streets across from the Merrimack River waterfront in Newburyport's early mercantile district

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

This building is a fine example of a mercantile building built in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. Although this building has features of the Federal style, the square granite lintels indicate that this structure was built in a transitional period. Federal building generally have slayed lintels. This building appears to be utilitarian in nature and probably house some mercantile or commercial interests as well as residential ones.

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 owners of this house have yet to be documented but could very well have been members of the Johnson family. This family was heavily involved in shipbuilding and trade in this area of Newburyport's waterfront. William Pierce Johnson built Johnson's Wharf at the foot of Ship Street and several stores and warehouses. He lived in the two-story brick mansion at 13 Federal Street.

In 1851, this building was the home of Captain Philip Johnson. Philip was also prominent in the community contributing \$50.00 to a fund for the benefit of injured firemen. He was an original incorporator of the Newburyport Insurance Company in 1836 and in 1852 he served as an alderman from Ward Two. Johnson also served on the building committee for a new Town Hall, the present City Hall, in 1851.

Before 1872, this property was conveyed to Thomas Glynn. Glynn was a grocer. He probably had both his business and residence in this building. He owned the property for several decades.

In 1899 this property, described as "store and tenements", was sold by Charles Stockman to Harriet Leavitt.

Today this building contains residential and commercial uses.

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