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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 22-24 Franklin Street

Historic Name Residence

Original Residence

Present _____

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

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

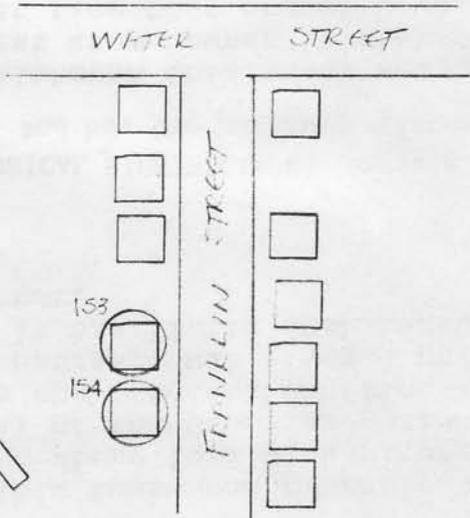
Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) front entrance altered, window sash replaced (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 3,650 sq. ft.

Setting in district of mixed residential and industrial uses centered around the factory complex originally built as the James Steam Mills in 1842.



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

This house was probably built during the late eighteenth century. The two story form with pitched roof and symmetrical five bay facade is typical of the Georgian period. The lean-to at the rear of the building breaks the original roofline and was possibly a later addition. The front entrance was altered probably around the turn of the twentieth century. Today it has little architectural detail and retains none of its original character.

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

Although this house was built during the Georgian period, the earliest known owner is that noted on the 1851 Plan of Newburyport. At that time this property was the residence of Moses M. Merrill. Merrill was a house carpenter by trade. He was also the town treasurer between 1835 and 1843.

This property was owned by Merrill and his heirs until 1911 at which time the house was sold to Leonard Sargent by Elizabeth O. Merrill.

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