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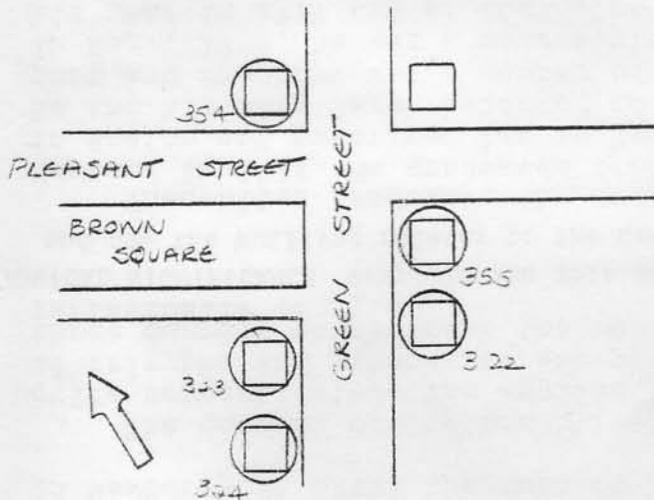
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
224 Washington Street Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 28 Green Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence/commercial
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

 Public _____
 Original owner Theophilus Bradbury

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1786
 Source Currier, History of Newburyport
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) Renovated to accommodate professional offices.
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 21,910 sq. ft.
 Setting House is set on Green St. which is lined with excellent examples of late 18th and early 19th century domestic architecture presently occupied by a mixture of residential and commercial uses.

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

Theophilus Bradbury moved to Newburyport in 1786, bought a lot of land and built a house on the Northwesterly side of Green St. The house is one of Newburyport's finest homes in the Georgian style. The gambrel roof often associated with an earlier period was used for fine dwellings in Newburyport until the turn of the 19th century.

The doorway of the Bradbury-Spauling house is well proportioned and quite sophisticated. The applied Doric order and entablature, consisting of triglyphs and metopes, is exceptional as is the modillioned cornice. The three dormers which break the roofline and the window lintels are characteristically Georgian

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

Theophilus Bradbury, the original owner of the house was born in Newbury in 1739. He graduated from Harvard College in 1757, studied law in Boston and practiced law in Maine before moving to Newburyport in 1786. He and his wife Sarah belonged to the First Religious Society of Newburyport and Bradbury was a member of the Massachusetts Senate from 1791-1794. In Dec., 1795, he was a representative to Congress. Mr. Bradbury resigned his seat in 1797 and at that time was appointed one of the justices of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. He retired in 1803 and died shortly thereafter.

The house was occupied by Bradbury's wife and children until 1811 when it was sold to Josiah Little. Robert Jenkins, an active Newburyport businessman, purchased the property in 1814. Jenkins was one of the incorporators of the Merchants Insurance Company & Merchants National Bank. He and his family lived in the house on Green St. until 1847 when it was sold to Hannah Kenny Johnson who kept a grocery store at the foot of Green St. In 1876, the property passed to her heirs who sold it to Mary Chase Toppan. It was then conveyed to the wife and children of Rev. Samuel J. Spaulding.

Reverend Spaulding was pastor of the Whitefield Congregational Church, one of the incorporators of the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, and a member of the Newburyport Library Assn., organized for the purpose of discussing social and political questions. The house remained in the Spaulding family well into the 20th century.

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