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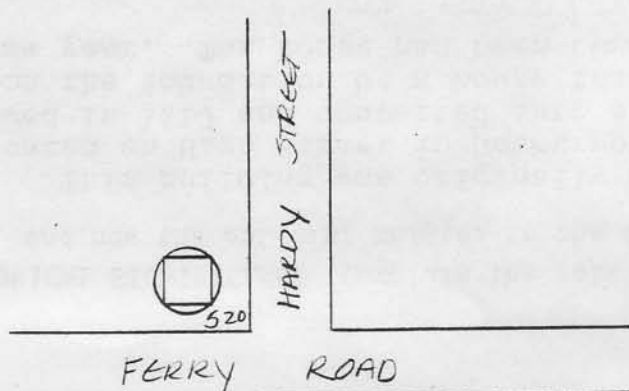
Newburyport

Address 36 Ferry RoadHistoric Name Quaker Meeting HouseOriginal Meeting HousePresent ResidenceOwnership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Society of Friends

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1743Source Currier, "History of Newbury"Style GeorgianArchitect UnknownExterior wall fabric Shingles, Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (1978), endwalls shingled, (date unknown)

Moved From High Street Date 1857Approx. acreage 15,600 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of nineteenth and twentieth century dwellings in Newburyport's North End.

Recorded by Mary Jane StirgwortOrganization Office of Community DevelopmentDate 01-09-81

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

This building originally a meeting house is Georgian in style. It is two stories in height with pitched roof and symmetrical, five bay facade. The front entrance is in a projecting central bay. This entrance porch is pedimented. The door is flanked by classical pilasters. This type of Georgian entrance porch is seen in many eighteenth century homes in Newburyport.

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

This building was originally built as a Quaker Meeting House and was located on High Street in Newburyport's North End. The building was moved in 1857 and converted into a dwelling. The building was placed upon the foundation of a house that had been destroyed by fire in that same year. The house had been owned by Charles Bartlet.

Later owners of the house included George A. Menut who owned the property in the 1940's. The building housed a private school in the early nineteenth century and before it was removed to Ferry Road it served as the vestry for the Fourth Parish church in Newbury, now the Belleville Congregational Church.

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