

FORM B - BUILDING

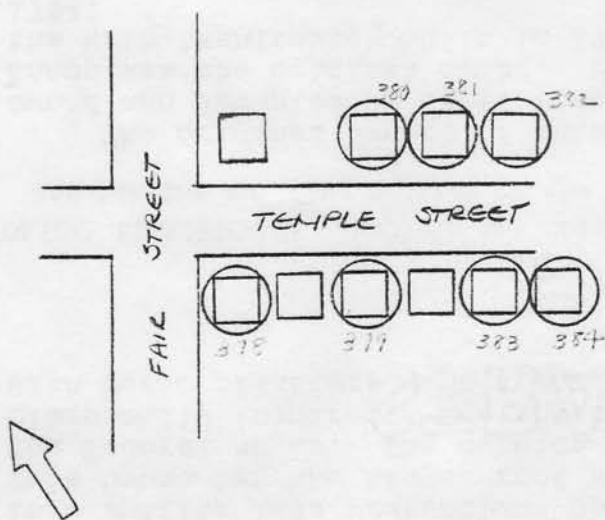
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 37 Temple Street
 Historic Name Capt. Samuel Knapp House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 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 c. 1810
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 4,260 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of 18th and 19th century houses.

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

This house is a fine example of the Federal style as interpreted in a smaller less pretentious home than those built along High Street. This house has the hipped roof and five bay facade characteristic of the Federal style. The cornice and window lintels are simple yet classically inspired. The entrance porch is Federal in style flanked with Doric pilasters with a semi-circular fanlight above.

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

The original owners of this house is not known. By 1851 it was owned and occupied by Capt. Samuel Knapp. It is quite possible that Knapp was the original owner. He was a shipowner with interests in the Brig "Mehitable", built in 1790, and in the Brig "Dolphin", built in 1794.

Later in the nineteenth century this house was owned by Mrs. L. T. Batchelder. She was the widow of William Batchelder, a carpenter. Mrs. Batchelder had a millinery shop at 43 State Street.

Today 37 Temple Street is a two family dwelling.

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