

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Town NewburyportAddress 474 Merrimac Street

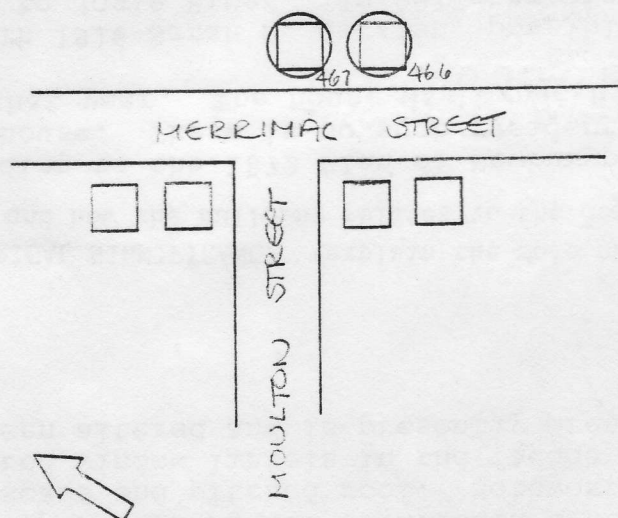
Historic Name _____

Type: Original ResidencePresent ResidenceOwnership: ☒ 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 CenturySource Building FabricStyle GeorgianArchitect UnknownExterior wall fabric ClapboardsOutbuildings Shed

Major alterations (with dates) additions
at rear (dates unknown) front entrance
altered (mid nineteenth century)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 25,460 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area along
the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane StirgwaltOrganization Office of Community
DevelopmentDate 12-12-80

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

This house is typical of the vernacular Georgian dwellings built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. This building has a three bay facade and pitched roof. Noteworthy features include the classically inspired window lintels in the facade and the front entrance. The doorway has been altered and is presently Greek Revival in style.

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

According to the 1872 Plan of Newburyport. D. Piper was the owner of this house. There is no such resident listed in the City Directory for that year. The house was owned by Piper through 1884.

In 1916 Sarah B. Gerrish, possibly a relation of Piper sold the house to Josie Piper. In 1917 the property was conveyed to Mary A. Hutch who owned it until 1932.

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