

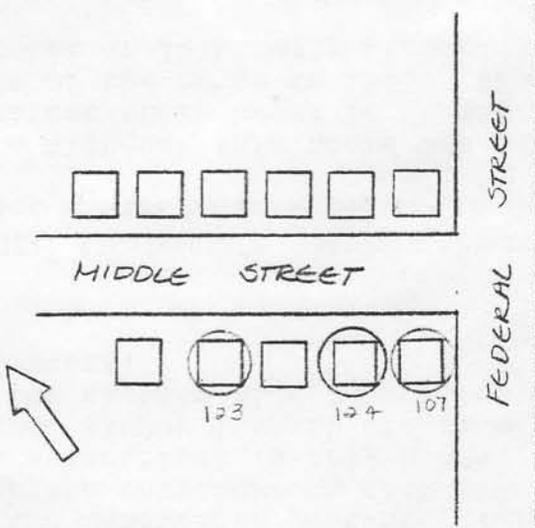
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 80-82 Middle Street
 Historic Name _____
 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 - 1820
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 6,669 sq. ft.
 Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

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

This house is a good example of the three story Federal homes built by Newburyport's wealthy mercantile class in the early years of the nineteenth century. This house is a double house, with separate entrances on each side. Oddly enough the fenestration is not symmetrical in this house. The modillioned cornice and delicately carved window lintels are fine Federal features. The entrance portico on the eastern side is pedimented and the door is flanked by Doric pilasters.

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 early in the nineteenth century, the earliest known owner is Thomas Lancaster. Lancaster owned the eastern side of the house in 1851. He was a carpenter whose business was located at 15 Liberty Street.

By 1872 Nathaniel Pierce had purchased the dwelling from Lancaster. Pierce was a lawyer and his office was located at 19 State Street. Pierce started his practice in Newburyport in 1864. He had served as an alderman from Ward 2 in 1861. Between 1868 and 1870 Pierce served as mayor of the city. He was a representative to the General Court in 1871.

The western side of the house was owned by George W. Green at that time. Green had a provision store at 75 Water Street.

By 1924, 70 Middle Street was owned by John F. Banford, a meat cutter. The dwelling at 72 Middle was at that time, owned by Nellie Sullivan. She was the wife of John Sullivan, whose occupation is listed in the city directory as an operative.

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