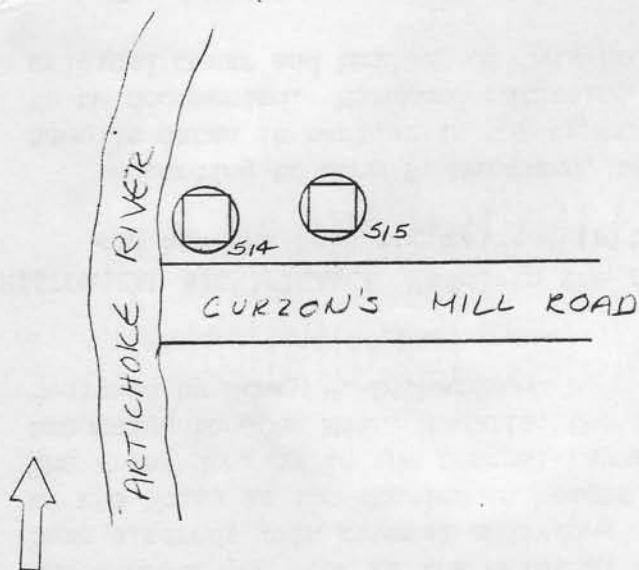


MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwalt
 Organization Office of Community
 Date April 11, 1981 Development

Newburyport
 Address Curzon's Mill Road
 Historic Name Curzon-Marquand House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: ☒ Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Stephen Hooper

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1780's

Source Marquand "History of Curzon's Mill"

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) house

has suffered several fires and in 1900

two thirds was destroyed and rebuilt.

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 4.25 acres

Setting adjacent to the banks of the

Artichoke River on the Marquand Estate.

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

This house is interesting in form, probably in part a result of several fires which destroyed much of the original fabric of the building. The house has clearly been altered, with several additions at the rear of the structure. The front section of the house is two stories in height with hipped roof and symmetrical three bay facade. The front door is in the central bay and has a projecting pedimented entrance porch. According to John Mead, Howells, the large bay window on the side of the house was designed by Henry H. Richardson.

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 John P. Marquand, this house was built about 1780. John Mead Howells dates it earlier in the century. The actual date of construction has yet to be documented. Marquand maintains that Stephen Hooper of Newburyport was the original owner and builder of this house.

The property was acquired by Samuel Curzon, merchant, of Newburyport in 1820 along with the adjacent mill building. Curzon traded in Boston's most influential circles. The Curzon family and heirs have been the proprietors of the property since that date.

Many noted people visited the Curzon estate during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. These included Peabodys, Nortons and Eliots. The poet John Greenleaf Whittier was a frequent guest. In the recent history of the Curzon-Marquand house, John P. Marquand grew up and lived on the property. He used the mill as his study in the 1920's. Marquand's daughter Christina Welch Marquand is the present owner of the estate.

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