

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address Low Street

Historic Name _____

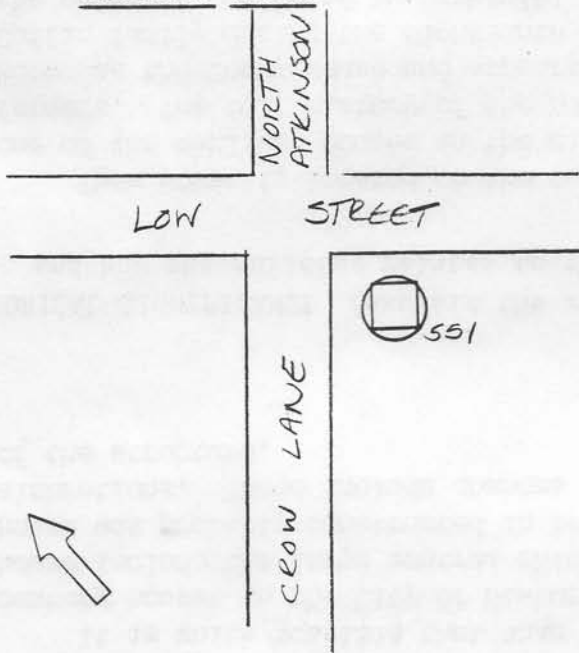
Original ResidencePresent ResidenceOwnership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date Possibly Seventeenth CenturySource Building FabricStyle Seventeenth CenturyArchitect UnknownExterior wall fabric Aluminum Siding

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) fenestr
has been altered, building resided (date
unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 4.4 acres

Setting in residential area of primary
nineteenth and twentieth century homes
the outskirts of the city.

Recorded by Mary Jane StirgwaltOrganization Office of Community
DevelopmentDate April 12, 1981

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

It is quite possible that this house is one of several seventeenth century houses in the City of Newburyport. Interesting features of this house include the large central chimney and the assymetrical facade. This house was probably constructed in several phases and has suffered numerous alterations. These include changes in the fenestration and a recent residing of the structure.

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

This house is located on the outskirts of Newburyport and was undoubtedly one of the earliest houses in the city. The original owners were probably farmers. The full history of the house has yet to be documented. It is known as the Cobby House and appears to have been owned by a member of the Caffin family during the eighteenth century. During the nineteenth century the property was owned by Nathaniel Pillsbury. In 1899 William Cuseck was the proprietor.

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