

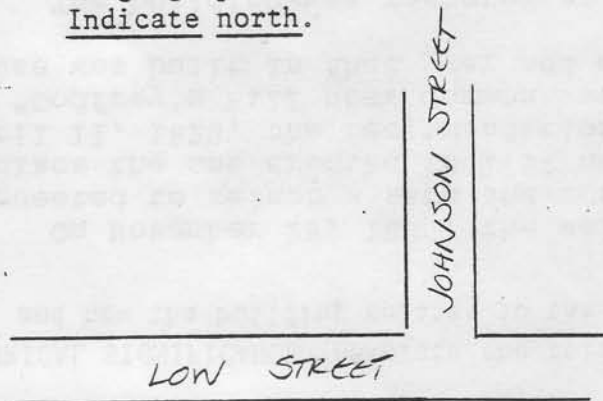
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Boston, MA 02108



SKETCH MAP

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



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Newburyport
 Address Low Street
 Historic Name Powder House
 Original Powder House
 Present Historic site/not open to public
 Ownership: ☐ Private individual
☐ Private organization
☐ Public City of Newburyport
 Original owner Town of Nbpt.

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1822
 Source Currier, "History of Nbpt."
 Style _____
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 1,500 sq. ft.
 Setting on Low Street behind the National Guard Armory.

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This small brick structure is extremely simple in style. It was built during the Federal period but has little architectural detail that would illustrate this. The building is circular in shape with a conical roof. There is a simple doorway. The roof is of slate.

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

On November 28, 1920, the selectmen of the Town of Newburyport were requested to select a safe and convenient site for a new powder house to replace the one erected in 1754 near the Old Hill Burying Ground. On April 11, 1822, the recommendation of the selectmen to build the structure on "Godfrey's Hill near Common Pasture, was accepted. The powder house was built in that year and now stands in its original location.

The building was restored as a Bicentennial project.

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