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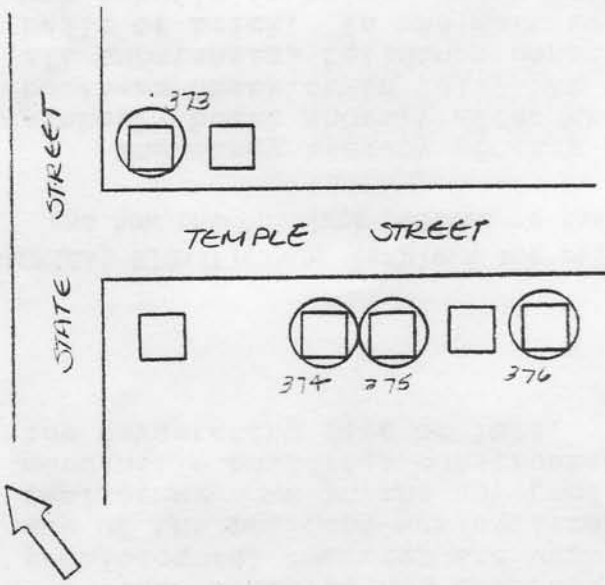
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 1 Temple Street
 Historic Name _____
 Date: Original Unknown
 Present Residential/commercial
 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 Early 19th century
 Source Osgood, "Recollections of Temple Street"
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) facade fenestration altered (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 1,152 sq. ft.
 Setting adjacent to State Street and Newburyport's central business district.



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

This building has elements of the Federal style but the architectural features are very simple indicating that the original use of the building was utilitarian. The three story brick form with smaller windows in the uppermost story is typical of the Federal period mercantile buildings constructed in Newburyport's Market Square after the devastating fire of 1811.

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

The early history of this building is not known. It was most probably built shortly after the great fire that leveled Newburyport's business district in 1811. At that time a law was passed stating that all substantial buildings constructed in the downtown area must be built of brick. In the next twenty years the Market Square District was rebuilt in brick. This building was probably used by the merchants of Newburyport and could have housed offices or storage space. In 1872 the building was used as a shoe shop. Today the structure is divided into three apartments and two stores.

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