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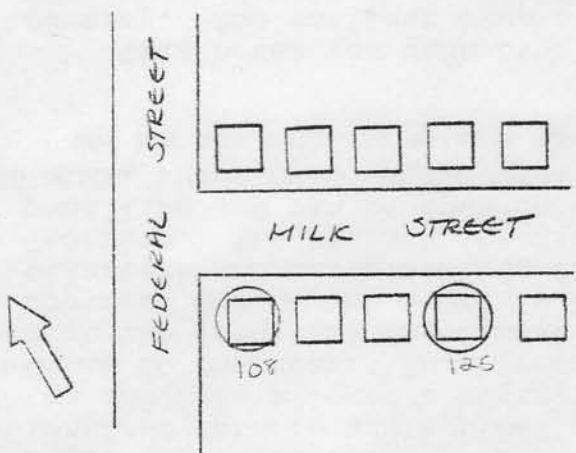
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 12-14 Milk 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 Eighteenth Century
 Source _____
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 3,150 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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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house is a fine example of a Georgian mid-eighteenth century home. It's two story, pitched roof form with simple, yet classically inspired details are typical of the period. The two chimneys inside the endwalls allowed a central hallway extending from the front of the house to the rear. This feature and the symmetrical five bay facade were both the result of the formalization of domestic architecture that occurred during the Georgian period. The doorway is flanked by Doric pilasters and has a rectangular window above. These features are also Georgian. The sliding interior window shutters have raised field panelling and can be seen on the Milk Street facade.

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 was undoubtedly constructed during the mid-eighteenth century. The earliest owners of the house have yet to be documented. They were probably associated with the maritime or mercantile interests that lead to the settlement of Newburyport's South End.

Between 1851 and 1872 Captain Elias Haskell owned this house. Haskell was a master mariner. In 1843 Haskill's Wharf was located on the Merrimack River near the bottom of Federal Street. It is quite possible that Elias was of the same Haskell family.

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