

FORM B - BUILDING

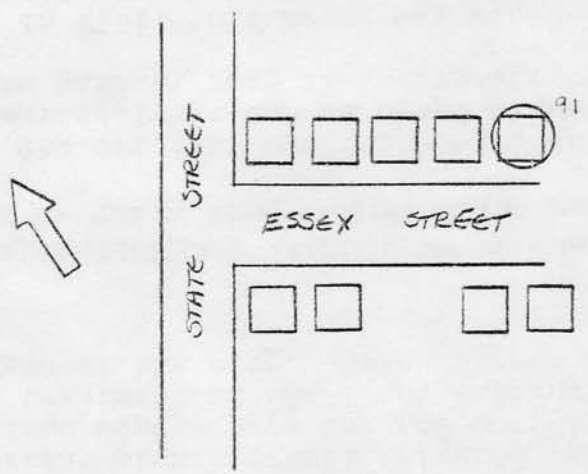
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Street, Boston, MA 02108



n Newburyport
 Address 13 Essex Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1790
 Source _____
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 4,744, 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 an excellent example of the Georgian homes built by Newburyport's mercantile class during the second half of the eighteenth century. The gambrel roof, favored because it allowed more head room in the attic story, was popular in Newburyport until 1800. Important architectural features in this house are the classically inspired window caps and the doorway, which is flanked by Doric pilasters. This treatment of the front entrance is typically Georgian and is seen throughout the city. Essex Street is lined with similar homes.

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

The original owner and builder of this house are unknown. Stylistically it can be dated between 1775 and 1800. The depth and width of the gambrel roof is indicative of this period of construction.

In 1851, this house was owned by Mrs. Sarah Kimball. Before 1872, she sold the property and at that time it was owned by Philip R. Piper. Piper is listed as a carpenter in the city directory for that year. He owned the house for several decades. In 1893 it was purchased by Alexander Kirkwood, a confectioner. Whether or not Kirkwood actually occupied the house is not known.

Today this house is a two family residence.

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