

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport

Address 134 State Street

Historic Name Sweetser-Perkins House

Original Residence

Present Residence

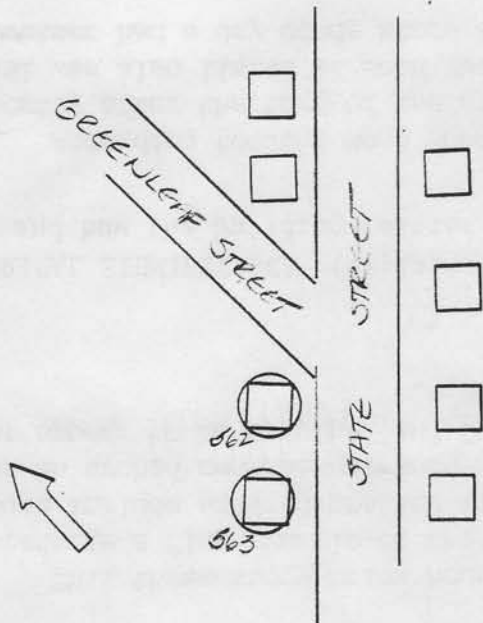
Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Seth Sweetser

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1804

Source Howells, "Architectural Heritage of the Merrimack"

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings Shed

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 26, 100 sq. ft.

Setting on one of Newburyport's main thoroughfares which is lined with nineteenth century dwellings.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort

Organization Office of Community Development

Date April 12, 1981

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

This three story brick house with hipped roof and a symmetrical five bay facade is a fine example of the Federal style. Exceptional features of the house include squared granite window lintels, fine Federal cornice moulding and an arched central entrance. The door and fanlight within this arch does not appear to be original and is probably a recent alteration.

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

According to John Mead Howells this house was built by Seth Sweetser shortly after the turn of the nineteenth century. The owner of the house in 1851 was also listed as Seth Sweetser, possibly a son of the original owner. Sweetser had a dry goods store at 11 Liberty Street.

Prior to 1872 this house was sold to the Stone family. In that year John and William Stone were in residence here.

Later owners included Georgianna Perkins and her heirs, hence the name the Sweetser-Perkins House.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Assessor's Records 1890-1980