

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport

Address 14 Washington Street

Historic Name _____

Type: Original Residence

Present Residence

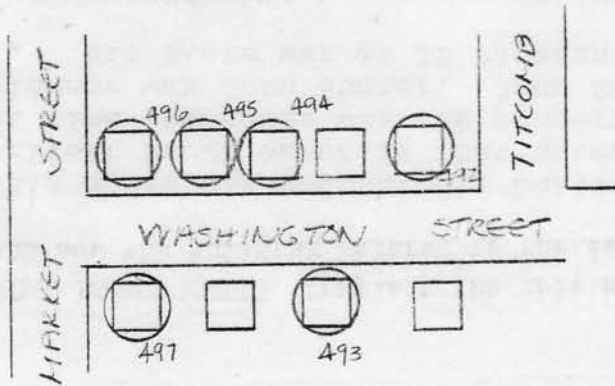
Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

SKETCH MAP

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 Building Fabric

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Asphalt siding

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) building
resided with asphalt siding (date
unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 3,900 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of
primarily eighteenth and nineteenth
century houses.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community
Development

Date 12-08-80

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

This house is an interesting two story Georgian dwelling. The wide low gambrel roof indicates that the house dates from the mid-eighteenth century. Exceptional features of this house include the massive central chimney and the classically inspired window lintels in the first story. The facade is symmetrical with five bays. The front entrance is in the central bay. It is flanked by Doric pilasters that support an entablature above.

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 built during the eighteenth century. The earliest known owner is that noted on the 1851 Map of Newburyport. At that time the house was the property of Michael S. Sumner. Also in residence was John Sumner. John Sumner was a stove and furnace dealer. His store was at 15 Pleasant Street.

Before 1870 this house was apparently divided into a two family residence. The city directory of 1871 lists both George H. Stevens and John Sumner as owners. Sumner's store had been moved to 88 State Street. George H. Stevens was the city clerk.

In 1884 Sumner continued in ownership of this property. The Sumner family built 12 Washington Street, a vernacular Victorian house, on the same parcel of land.

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