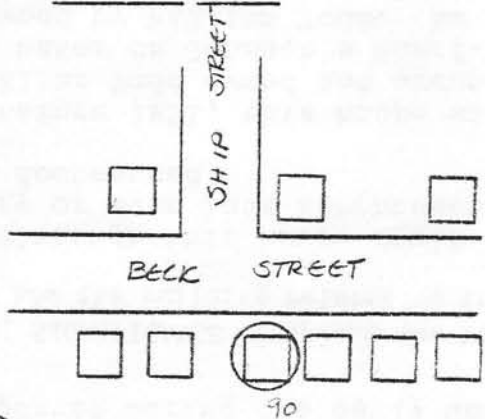


MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 Street Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 14-16 Beck Street  
 Historic Name Residence  
 Date: Original Residence  
 Present \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 Eighteenth Century  
 Source \_\_\_\_\_  
 Style Georgian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) building has been altered extensively

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

Approx. acreage 3,310 sq. ft.

Setting In densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 09-28-80

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

This house is of particular interest because of its early form. The pitch of the roof is very steep indicating an early eighteenth century or possibly late seventeenth century construction date. The two story, five bay facade is typically early eighteenth century and the double hung sash with nine over six lights are also characteristic of that period. The casement sash presently in the house is English and was installed during a recent restoration attempt. It is quite possible that the house did originally have lead casement windows and that the house was updated during the early Georgian period. (cont.)

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

Although this house could very well date from the early eighteenth century or even late seventeenth century, the early owners have yet to be documented.

Before 1851, this house was acquired by the Todd family. At that time Elias Todd owned and occupied the house. Todd was a pump and block maker on Johnson's Wharf. In 1872, the house, then 12 Beck Street, was owned by William Todd. He was in partnership with George Brown, in the firm Todd and Brown, also pump and block makers located at 87 Water Street. William Todd did not live in this house but boarded at 41 Fair Street. He is listed as the owner of the house on the 1872 Map of Newburyport, however, and it may have been occupied by another member of the family.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 90
Property Name: 14-16 Beck Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

This house is unusual and is the only house in Newburyport with this roofline and overall form.

This house is presumably being rehabilitated. The facade's weatherboards have been exposed for some time, however, and the building's structure is presently unprotected except by the weatherboards.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom