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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 14-16 Purchase Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Original Residence

Present Residence

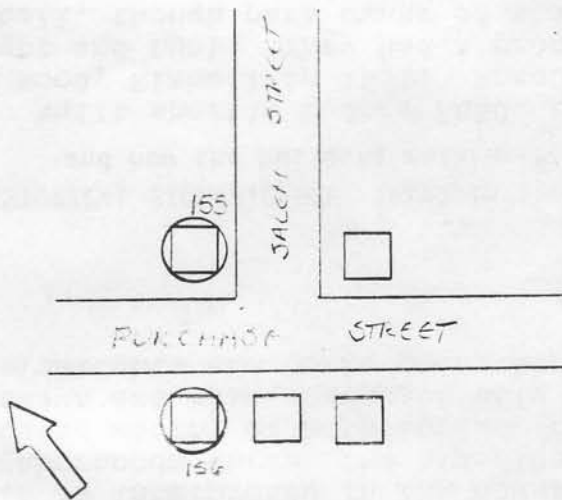
Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

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 c. 1845

Source 1851 Plan of Newburyport

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Garage, shed

Major alterations (with dates) additions at rear, (dates unknown)

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

Approx. acreage 10,208 sq. ft.

Setting in district of mixed residential and industrial uses

centered around the factory complex originally built as the James Steam Mills in 1842.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 11-4-80

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Architecturally this house is a good example of the Greek Revival style as interpreted in the modest homes of many of Newburyport's neighborhoods during the mid-nineteenth century. The Greek Revival features worthy of note include the bold cornice and cornerboards. The doorways are also characteristic of the style. The front door is flanked by sidelights and Doric pilasters supporting a heavy 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)

Built shortly before 1850, this house was owned by George W. Knight and Moody Kimball in 1851. Knight was a partner in the grocery firm of Knight and Lunt. They had a grocery store located at 9 Market Square. Kimball, though part owner of this property lived across the street at 11 Purchase Street. He was a mason by trade. It is quite possible that Kimball owned part of this building as an investment.

Before 1872, this property was purchased by Joseph A. Woodwell and Eliza A. Atkinson. Woodwell was a partner with John Woodwell in the firm Joseph A. Woodwell and Company. The firm ran the Lynn Express and was located at 50 Milk Street. In 1878 Joseph Woodwell served as alderman from Ward Two.

The First Presbyterian Society was the owner of this house for a brief period in the early twentieth century.

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