

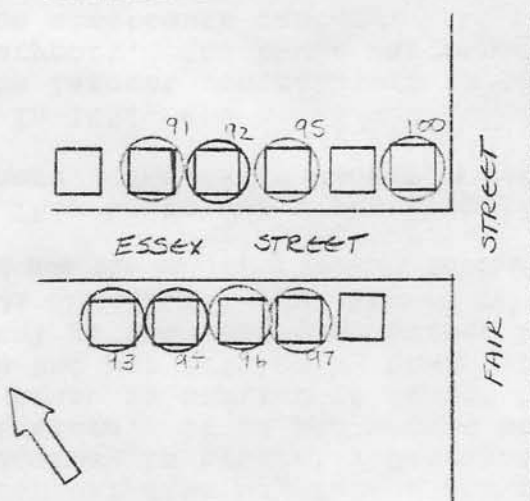
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 18 Essex Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date Mid-eighteenth century
 Source _____
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 7,240 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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 Organization Office of Community Development
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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 in Newburyport during the second half of the eighteenth century. The wide low gambrel roof is indicative of a mid-eighteenth century construction date, possibly 1750-1770. The house has a Georgian, symmetrical, five bay facade and classically inspired window lintels. The doorway is typically Georgian, resembling a classical temple in miniature. It is pedimented and is flanked by Doric pilasters. This house is similar to others built in Newburyport's South End. The South End was settled by Newburyport's merchants and mariners before the Federal period when High Street became the preferred address.

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 probably built by one of Newburyport's merchants or mariners. The early owners, however, have yet to be documented.

In 1851, the house was owned by Mrs. Ann G. Tappan. She was one of the largest contributors to the General Charitable Society of Newburyport. The house was owned by the Tappan family until the end of the nineteenth century.

This house has been divided into four apartments.

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