

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 23-25 Lime Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

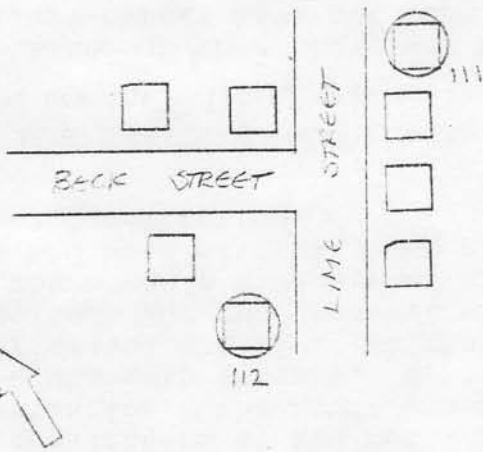
Present Residence

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 Eighteenth century

Source _____

Style _____

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) building has undergone extensive alteration and subsequent restoration.

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 4,240 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

Date 10-12-80

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

This house is apparently quite early. The indications of this are the lean-to at the rear, the large chimneys, and the irregular fenestration. The house was probably built in two phases early in the eighteenth century. By the late 1960's this structure had deteriorated greatly. At that time the house was covered with asbestos shingles. The two doorways were Victorian in style with turned brackets and there was a window over the southeastern doorway. All of the window sash had been altered. The present architectural features date from a recent fenestration.

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 was built during the eighteenth century, the earliest owners have not been documented. The house is located along the "water-side", the area of Newburyport's earliest maritime settlement. The early owners were probably associated with the trades along the banks of the Merrimack.

In 1851, the property was owned by Charles Currier. Currier was a sailmaker with a business on Cushing's Wharf at the foot of Fair Street. Currier died in 1868 but his widow continued in residence along with her son Charles A. Currier who continued his father's business on Cushing's Wharf.

In 1872, the Currier's lived in the upper section of the house. The lower half was occupied by John Carey, mariner, and John McCarty, laborer.

The house at 21-23 Lime Street is an important element of Newburyport's maritime district.

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