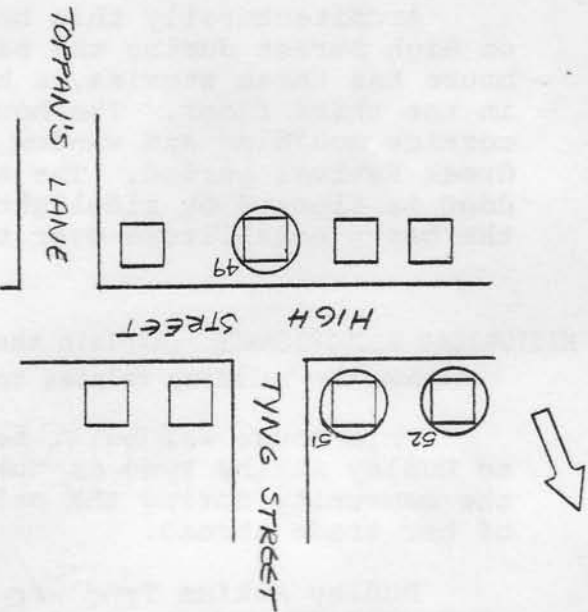


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1799

Source Merrill, "North End Paper

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Shed

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear, entrance portico added

(dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 1.00 acre

Setting on Newburyport's main

thoroughfare noted for its excellence

examples of domestic architecture

dating from the colonial period to the early 20th century.

(Staple additional sheets here)

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirlingwolt

Organization Office of Community

Development

Date 8-17-80

Area A

Form no. 49

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

Architecturally this house is typical of the Federal homes built on High Street during the early years of the nineteenth century. The house has three stories, a hipped roof, and small, nearly square windows in the third floor. The house also has simple yet classically inspired cornice moulding and window lintels. The doorway was altered during the Greek Revival period. The entrance porch was added at that time. The door is flanked by sidelights and Corinthian pilasters. The large and the heavy entablature over the door are also Greek Revival features.

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 built before 1799 by Stephen Toppan. It was sold to Dudley Atkins Tyn in that year. Tyn was a prominent member of the community during the period that Newburyport was prosperous because of her trade abroad.

Dudley Atkins Tyn was the son of Dudley and Sarah Atkins. He graduated from Harvard in 1781 and tutored for a time in Virginia. He was admitted to the bar in 1784 and in 1786 he returned to Massachusetts and was appointed justice of the peace for Essex County. At about that time a distant relative offered Dudley a considerable portion of her estate if he would take the name of Tyn. He did so in 1790.

In 1790 Tyn was a delegate to a convention held in Salem to help organize the Episcopal church in this country following the Revolution. Between 1795 and 1803 he moved to Boston and for the next eighteen years served as the official reporter of the supreme judicial court. He returned to Newburyport in 1823.

When Tyn left Newburyport in 1804 he sold his home to Nathaniel Smith. In 1810 the property was conveyed to Capt. Ruben Jones whose widow lived in the house until 1855. At that time Job T. Dickens acquired the property and modernized it. In 1865 John D. Pike was in partnership with Horace Choate under the firm name of John D. Pike and Company. They were shoe manufacturers with a shop at 35 Pleasant Street John Pike lived at 249 High Street.

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