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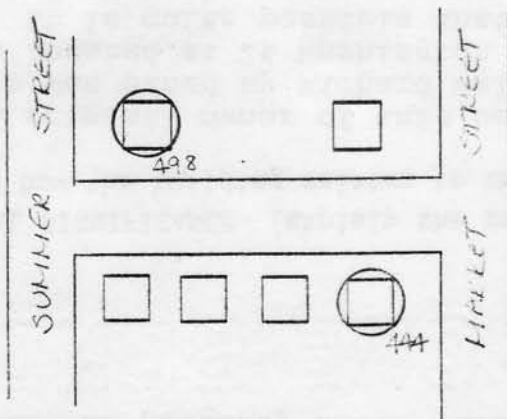
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 26-28 Washington Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: 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 Eighteenth Century
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) dormer added, front entrance altered, window sash replaced (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 2,770 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of primarily eighteenth and nineteenth century houses.

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

This house is typical of many of the homes built in Newburyport during the second half of the nineteenth century. The house is two and a half stories with a gambrel roof and a symmetrical five bay facade. The window sash have been replaced and the front entrance has been altered. The dormer was probably added during the late nineteenth century.

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

The original owner of this house has yet to be documented. The structure was owned by Richard Welch in 1851. Welch was a grocer. His shop was located at 26 Washington Street and his home was at 24 Washington Street. It is quite possible that the numbers of this house have been changed and that the grocery store was either in this structure or in an adjacent shop.

This property was sold prior to 1872, when it was owned by Mrs. M. Friend.

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