

FORM B - BUILDING

Area A	Form no. 51
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 266 High Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

Present Residence/parsonage

Ownership: Private individual Donation to
 Private organization Trustees of
St. Pauls Episcopal Church

Public _____

Original owner Thomas Coker

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1795

Source Hale, "Old Newburyport Houses"

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) Addition
at rear (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

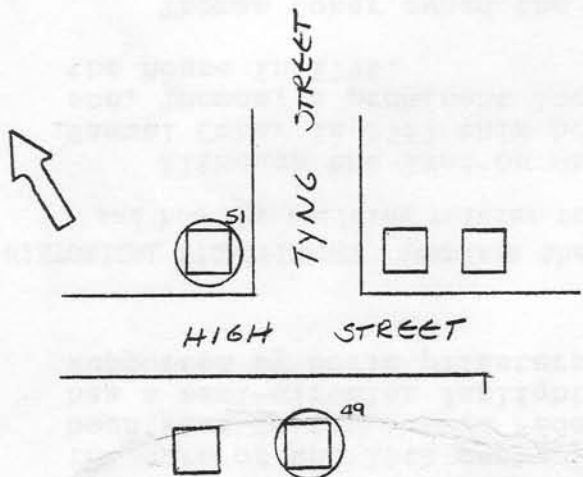
Approx. acreage 10,300 sq. ft.

Setting on Newburyport's main

thoroughfare noted for its excellent

examples of domestic architecture

dating from the Colonial period through
the early 20th Century.



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Organization Office of Community
Development

Date 8-11-80

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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 two story gambrel roof dwelling built in Newburyport during the second half of the eighteenth century. Although the gambrel roof had declined in popularity in most areas by the late 18th century this form persisted in Newburyport until the turn of the 19th century. The then prevailing Federal influence can be seen in the simple Federal doorway. The entrance is pedimented and has a semi-circular fanlight with simple tracery. The pediment is supported by Doric pilasters that flank the door itself.

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

Although the land on which this house stands was purchased by Samuel Coker in 1757 this house was probably built about 1795 by his son, Thomas, a prominent local builder. Thomas Coker was living in the house in 1796.

Thomas Coker owned the house until 1805 when it was sold to Amos Atkinson. Atkinson served under Moses Little in the Revolutionary War battles of Long Island and Harlem Heights. In 1809 Atkinson served on a committee to erect a town house at the corner of State and Essex Streets. Atkinson was part owner of the Schooner Nancy built in 1785 and the sole owner of the Ship Massachusetts built in 1805.

In 1827 the house was purchased by Flavius Emery. It was owned by Emery and his heirs and family until 1918 when it was given to St. Paul's Church to be used as their rectory. The house is still used as a parsonage today.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 50
Property Name: Cartland-Whittier- Fitzgerald House 260 High Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

time the house has had several owners. The house has recently been converted into apartments.

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