

FORM B - BUILDING

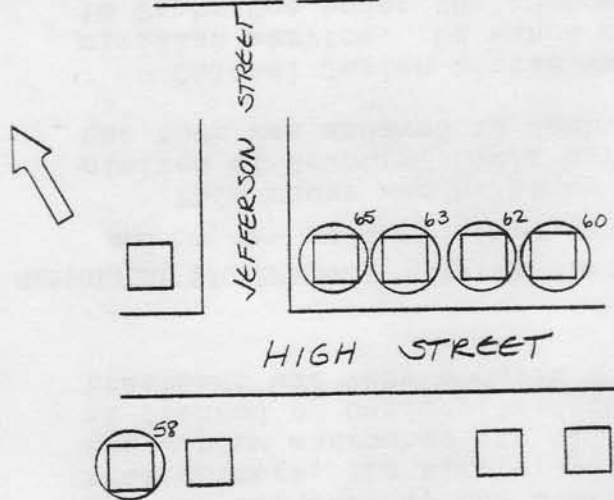
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport  
 Address 350 High Street  
 Historic Name Josiah Little House  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Josiah Little

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



DESCRIPTION:  
 Date c. 1780  
 Source Howells " Architectural Heritage of the Merrimack "  
 Style Georgian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings Garage, barn  
 Major alterations (with dates) additions at rear including bay window and enclosed porch. (dates unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 33,700  
 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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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house is an excellent example of the fine Georgian mansions built in Newburyport during the second half of the eighteenth century. The most obvious Georgian features are the two story, gambrel roofed form and the symmetry of the overall design of the house. The pedimented roof dormers, the simple, yet classically inspired cornice moulding and the window surrounds are all Georgian in character. The front entrance is flanked by Doric pilasters and surmounted by a pediment. This treatment was very popular during the mid-eighteenth century.

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 by Josiah Little. Little was a prominent citizen of Newbury. This house was in Newbury until this portion of the town was annexed to Newburyport in 1851.

Colonel Josiah Little was distinguished in both his military and civilian service. He was a member of the Minute company that marched to Cambridge under the command of Moses Little, April 19, 1775. Little was later elected as a deputy to the General Court of the State of Massachusetts for many though not always continuous terms between 1793 and 1822.

Most of the subsequent owners of the house have yet to be documented. Howells notes that the house was left to Benjamin Hale by Mrs. Josiah Little. In 1872 Cyrus K. Hale was the owner of this house.

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