

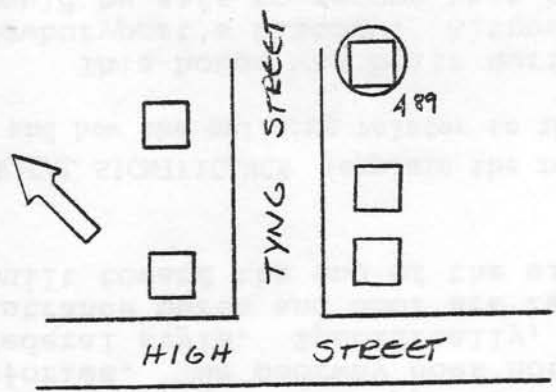
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Street Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 4 / Tyng 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 c. 1800
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Aluminum Siding
 Outbuildings Shed

Major alterations (with dates) Porch and addition at rear (dates unknown), aluminum siding (1980).

Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 7,717 sq. ft.

Setting in residential neighborhood adjacent to High Street, Newburyport most impressive thoroughfare.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house is a good example of the Federal style single family dwellings that proliferated in Newburyport in the early years of the nineteenth century. The form of the house is typically Federal, of three stories with hipped roof and decreasing window size in the upper stories. The doorway does not exhibit the elements of the full blown Federal style. Specifically, the fanlight over the door is missing. The entrance porch and door are reminiscent of those of Georgian buildings built toward the end of the eighteenth century.

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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 during the most prosperous period in Newburyport's history. Although the original owner is unknown it would be safe to assume that he was in some way associated with Newburyport's prosperous West India trade.

In 1851 the house was owned by Jeremiah Carter. Carter was a butcher and operated his business in the Market House, located in Newburyport's Market Square.

In 1872 the house was apparently owned by Eliphalet Griffin, although he lived a block or so away at 275 High Street. Griffin had a dry goods store in Market Square during the 1850's. In 1886 he signed the articles of agreement to organize the Newburyport Society for the Relief of Aged Men. Griffin made several contributions to the Society including a lot of land in the vicinity of the "Three Roads". In 1896 Griffin constructed, at his expense, the foundation for a brick building for the Old Men's Home. Mr. Griffin died in 1899.

The building was used as a rest home during the 1960's and has now been converted to an apartment building.

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