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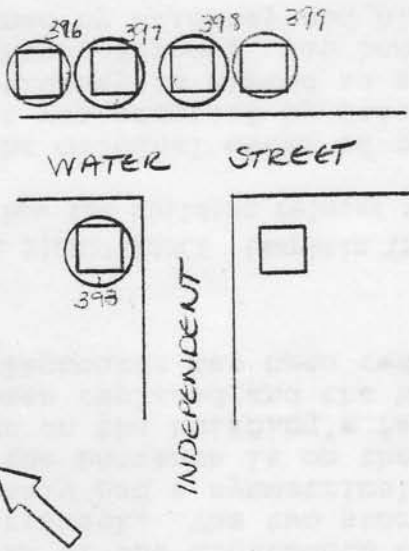
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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City Newburyport
 Address 48 Water Street
 Historic Name Caleb Stickney House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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 _____
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Wood shingles
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) fenestration altered, window sash replaced, doorway altered, (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 9,000 sq. ft.
 Setting in area of mixed residential and commercial uses along the banks of the Merrimack River.

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

Although this house has been altered extensively, it retains the form of the eighteenth century homes built along the banks of the Merrimack. The two story building with pitched roof probably originally had a symmetrical five bay facade with central doorway. Today the entrance is on the Eastern side of the house and the windows on the building's facade have been altered. The window sash have been replaced and the house which was probably originally covered with clapboards has been resided with wood shingles.

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. In 1851 it was occupied by Caleb Stickney. In the city directory for that year Stickney is listed as a pump and block maker. His shop was located at 67 Water Street. His home was then 44 Water Street. The property was owned by Stickney and his heir for over thirty years.

Caleb Stickney furnished the blocks for the ship "Prince Imperial" built by James L. Townsend in Newburyport in 1862.

This house is located just outside the boundaries of the Great Fire of 1811 that razed the Market Square commercial district.

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