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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 5 Oak Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

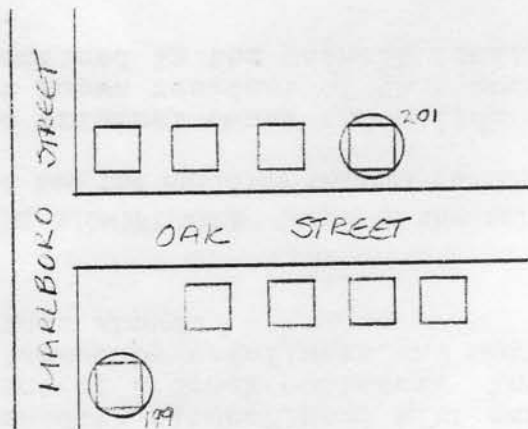
Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1845

Source Building Fabric

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos siding

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) fenestration altered, building resided (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 7,050 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area in which the predominant building type is that of vernacular single family dwellings built during the second half of the nineteenth century.

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 two and a half story Greek Revival house is typical of the single family built in Newburyport's developing neighborhoods during the mid-nineteenth century. The architectural detail that illustrates the influence of the Greek Revival is seen in the overall form of the structure, with pitched roof with gable facing the street. This creates the effect of a Greek pediment. The doorway is typically Greek Revival. It is flanked by sidelights and Doric pilasters that support a bold entablature above.

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 and builder of this house is unknown. The earliest known resident of this house was Mrs. Samuel Caswell. The house remained in the Caswell family until well into the twentieth century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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