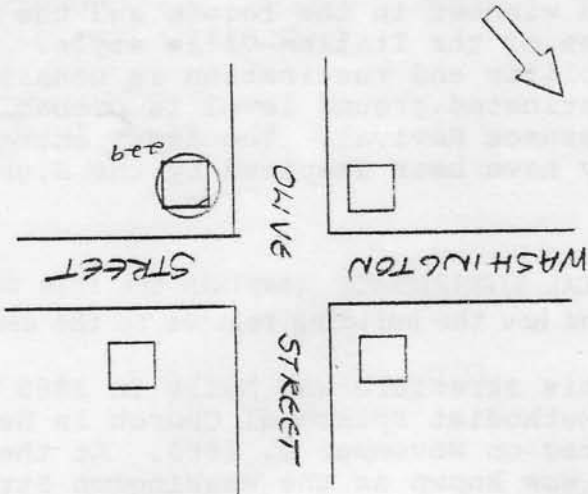


Draw map showing property location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



(Staple additional sheets here)

Date 12-01-80
Organization Office of Community Development
Recorded by Mary Jane Sturgwolt
Setting in residential area of
Approx. acreage 8,630 sq. ft.
Moved _____ Date _____
Major alterations (with dates) _____
Outbuildings _____
Exterior wall fabric Clapboards, first level rusticated
Architect Unknown
Style Italianate
Source Carrier, "History of Npbt."

Date 1851
DESCRIPTION:

Original owner Methodist Episcopal Church
Public
Achlm Church
Private organization Archavas
Partnership: Private individual
Present Temple Achavas Achlm
Original Church
Historic Name Episcopal Church/Temple
Washington Street Methodist
53 1/2 Washington Street
Newburyport

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

This structure has elements of several of the Italianate styles that were popular during the mid-nineteenth century. The round headed, coupled windows in the facade and the hoodmoulds on other windows are features of the Italian Villa style. In that style, however, brackets are prolific and rustication is usually limited to a building quoins. The rusticated ground level is probably the result of the influence of the Renaissance Revival. The front entrance of this church is quite elaborate and may have been inspired by the High Victorian Italianate style.

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

This structure was built in 1865 to house the congregation of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Newburyport. The building was dedicated on November 2, 1865. At the turn of the present century the church was known as the Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Newburyport.

Since that time the property was sold to the Congregation of the Temple Achavas Achim and it serves as their synagogue.

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