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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 62 Middle Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence _____

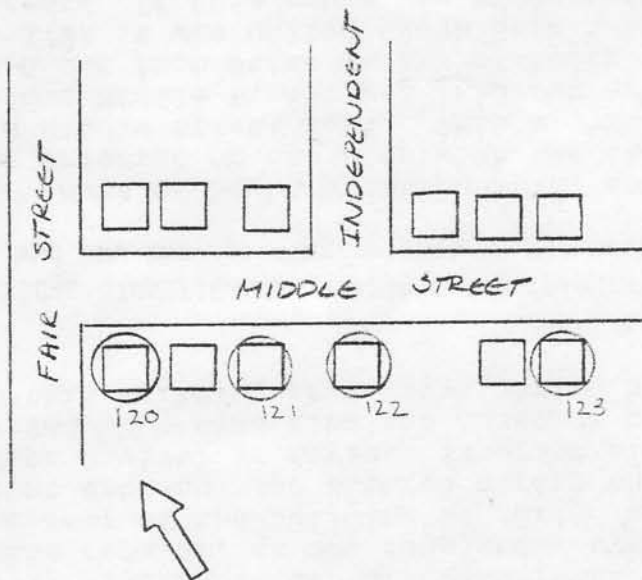
Present Residence _____

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 Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) structural

repairs (1979), brick addition (date

unknown), front entrance altered (mi

nineteenth century)

Moved possibly reoriented date late 19

on site

century

Approx. acreage 6,470 sq. ft.

Setting in densely built up area in

which the predominant building type

is that of eighteenth century single

family dwellings.

Recorded by _____

Organization _____

Date _____

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

The overall form and character of this house is indicative of an early eighteenth century construction date. The fenestration, though quite regular, is not completely symmetrical. The brick addition at the rear of the building is early and is severely deteriorated. The front entrance was altered during the mid-nineteenth century and is Greek Revival in style. Interior elements include fine fireplace wall raised field panelling and gunstock posts. It is possible that the core of this building is a first period house.

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

Maps of Newburyport in 1851, and 1872 indicate that this building was oriented on the site with the facade facing the point at which Fair and Middle Street meet. This might indicate that this house was built before Middle Street was laid out as it is today. A two-rod way was laid out from State Street to Federal Street was first laid out in 1724. In 1782 it was called Cross Street and by 1793 it was named Middle Street. If this house was built before the street was laid out it would be a first period house.

In 1851 this house was owned by John E. Piper. Piper was a hatter and his shop was located at 28 State Street. Between 1872 and 1884, the house was owned by Thomas C. Huse and his heirs. Huse was also a hatter.

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