

FORM B - BUILDING

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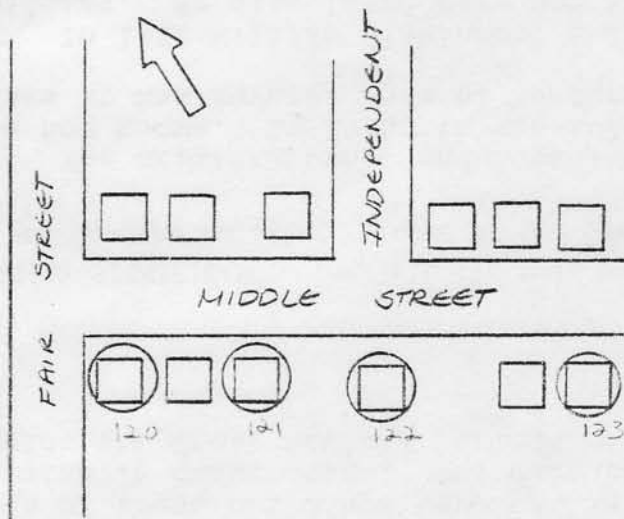


City Newburyport
 Address 68 Middle Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1820
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) doorway altered (date unknown), addition at Southeast side (1970)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 5,260 sq. ft.
 Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.



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

This building is quite similar to 21 Middle Street in form. It is three stories and of brick. The roof is pitched and architectural details are very simple. It is quite possible that both of these buildings were partly utilitarian in nature when originally constructed. The main entrance to this building was altered during the Greek Revival period and has been altered again more recently.

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 actual construction date of this building are not known. It is quite possible that it was built about 1820 since it has several Federal Features.

In 1851 William Dickinson, a loom and harness maker owned this building. He also lived here and it is possible that he kept his shop in this building as well as his home.

Before 1872, 68 Middle Street was sold to Mrs. Rebecca Bragdon. She owned the house until her death in 1883.

Today 68 Middle Street is a two-family house.

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