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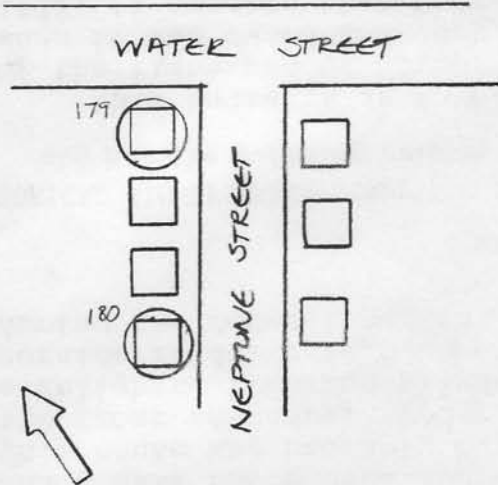
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport
 Address 8 Neptune Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner _____

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

DESCRIPTION:
 Date Nineteenth century
 Source _____
 Style Vernacular
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear, bay window added, window sash replaced, (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 1,739 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of predominantly eighteenth century single family dwellings adjacent to the banks of the Merrimack River.



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community
 Date 10-27-80

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

This house is a fine little Cape, a form which is quite unusual in Newburyport. There are several other examples of this type of one and a half story dwelling with pitched roof in the Joppa district. This house was probably built about 1800 with the later alterations of the front entrance. Today the doorway is Greek Revival in style with sidelights, flanking pilasters supporting bold entablature above. The cornice is delicate, however, indicating an original construction date during the Federal period.

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

This house is an interesting example of the modest homes built by the fisherman of Newburyport. This house was built prior to 1851 when it was owned and occupied by George Thurlow, a fisherman. By 1872, it appears that George Thurlow had moved to the house at 2 Neptune Street and that George D. Thurlow, probably his son, was living here. During much of the nineteenth century Neptune Street was known as Pettingell's Court.

By 1884 this house had been sold to a member of the Noyes family. In 1902 Thomas Noyes conveyed the house to Bessie Short. Each of the names associated with the house, Thurlow, Short and Noyes were very prominent in the fishing community of Joppa.

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