

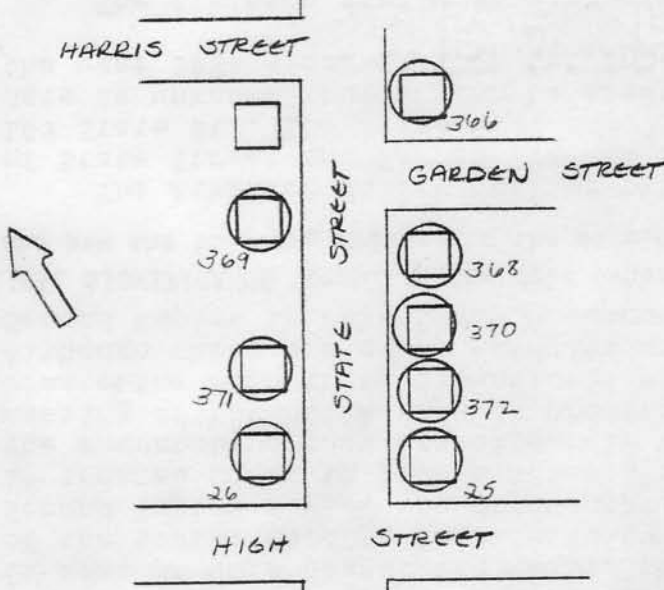
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Location Newburyport
 Address 101-103 State Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Fred L. Atkinson

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1890
 Source Assessor's Records
 Style Second Empire
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 3,100 sq. ft.
 Setting Adjacent to central business district on Newburyport's main street

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

The hallmark of the Second Empire style is the mansard roof which is seen on this house. The dormer windows are equally characteristic of the style. Because this building is a vernacular version of the Second Empire style, the ornamentation is relatively simple. The cornice is treated so as to give a three-dimensional effect. The orders used in the entrance porches are extremely delicate for the style but the massing of the building, with projection on either side of the door, creates the bold three dimensional effect one expects in this style. Although there are other examples of the style in Newburyport, the Second Empire is relatively uncommon in Newburyport.

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

The Atkinson family built or owned several houses near the junction of State Street and Garden Street. These included 97-99 State St., 101-103 State St., 105 State St., and 7 Garden St. The original construction date is unknown, but it can be assumed that it was built shortly after the year 1884 since it does not appear on a map of that date.

The Atkinson family is a prominent one in Newburyport. Fred L. Atkinson, who lived in the house in 1920, was president and treasurer of Atkinson Coal Company, on Water Street. The company had an office in the house at that time. Fred L. Atkinson also served as trustee for the Newburyport Lodge, No. 909, of the Benovolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

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