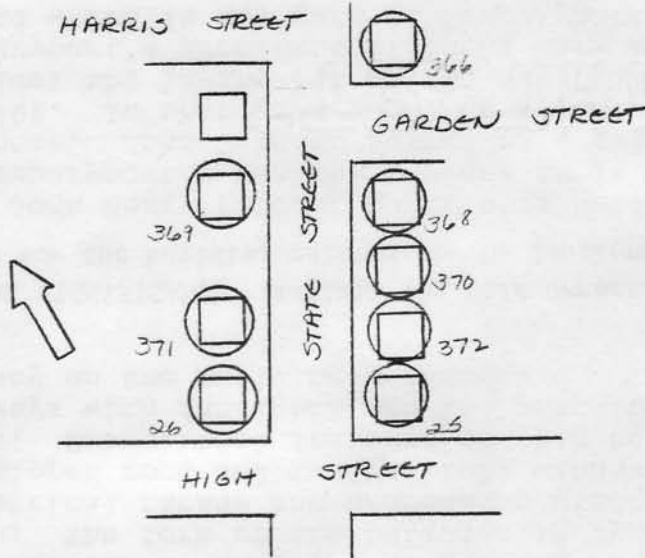


MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport  
 Address 105 State Street  
 Historic Name Titcomb-Raymond House  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                    Private organization  
                    Public  
 Original owner John Berry Titcomb

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1808  
 Source Hale, "Old Newburyport Houses"  
 Style Federal  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Brick  
 Outbuildings Garage  
 Major alterations (with dates) Altered from single family to multiple family dwelling (date unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 13,660 sq. ft.  
 Setting Building is adjacent to central business district on street with excellent examples of Georgian and Federal domestic architecture.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort  
 Organization Office of Community Development  
 Date 6-30-80

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

This building is an excellent example of the fine domestic architecture built by Newburyport's mercantile class at the turn of the nineteenth century. It has all of the hallmarks of the Federal style. The form of the building is typically Federal with its symmetrical facade and decreasing window size in the upper stories. The hipped roof and twelve light window sash are in keeping with the style. Exceptional features of this house are the unaltered arched doorways with fanlights and the matching arched window above the doorway on the building's facade.

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

John Berry Titcomb built this house in 1808. Titcomb was a member of Newburyport's wealthier class as is evidenced by the fine detail in his home. John Titcomb served as a selectman for the town of Newburyport in 1800. In that same year, he was also appointed to a committee to consider the laying out of the New Hill Burying Ground. Many of Newburyport's prominent citizens were buried in the New Hill Burying Ground which is now part of Newburyport's Highland Cemetery.

The Titcomb family lived in this house until 1850 when it was sold to John Odin. In 1865, it was purchased by Curtis Raymond in whose family the house remained until well into the twentieth century.

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