

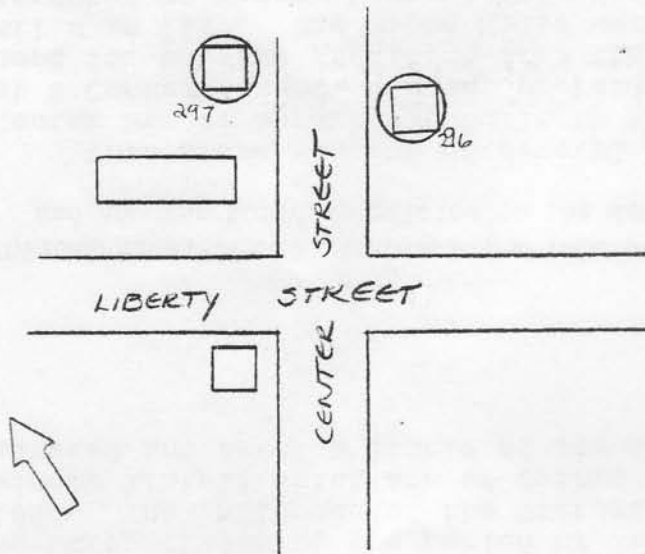
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 11 Center Street
 Historic Name _____
 : Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner William Porter

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1880
 Source 1884 Atlas of Essex County
 Style Vernacular Victorian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Asbestos shingle
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) building resided, addition at rear, (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 1832 sq. ft.
 Setting adjacent to the Market Square Historic District and Newburyport's Water Street which is along the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date _____

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

This one and a half story house is similar to many built in Newburyport during the period of industrial growth between 1880 and 1890. The influence of the Victorian styles are seen only in the window lintels which are of Gothic inspiration. The doorway has been altered and retains little of its original character.

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 was one of several houses on the Eastern side of Center Street apparently built by William Porter, a teamster living at 5 Center Street. Porter probably built these homes because of the need for housing resulting from the establishment of the Globe Steam Mills in 1845. The Globe Mills were located on an adjacent site bordered by Water, Federal and Liberty Streets.

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