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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 12 Bromfield

Historic Name Samuel Pettingill House

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 Eighteenth Century

Source _____

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingles, clapboards

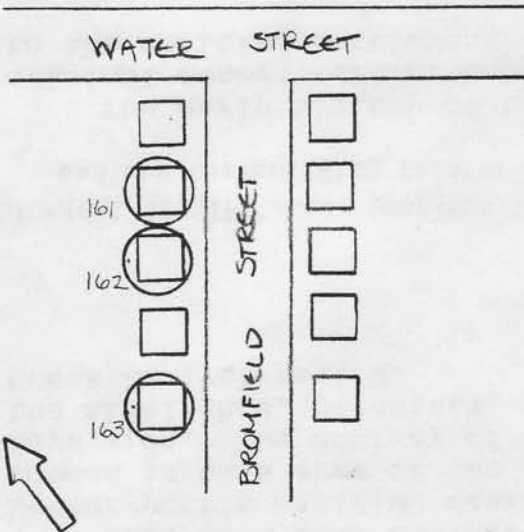
Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown), front entrance altered (nineteenth century)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 6,840 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 Development

Date 10-22-80

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

This is a fine example of the modest dwellings built in Newburyport's maritime quarter. The two story pitched roof form is common in this area of the city as is the facade, originally three bays wide. The doorway of this house has been altered and presently has the sidelights, pilasters, and bold entablature characteristic of the Greek Revival period.

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

The early history of this house has yet to be documented. The original owners were probably in shipbuilding or allied trades essential to the maritime settlement or the banks of the Merrimack River.

By 1851, this property was owned by Samuel Pettingell. Pettingell was a cooper by trade. He also served as an alderman from Ward One in 1864. Pettingell and his heirs owned this property until the end of the nineteenth century.

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