

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 222 Washington Street Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 13 Purchase Street

Historic Name Thomas Silloway 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 c. 1845

Source 1851 Plan of Newburyport

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

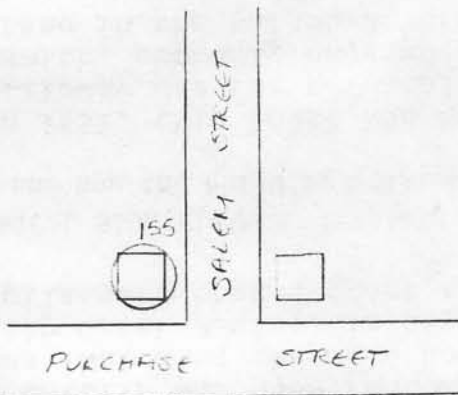
Approx. acreage 4,310 sq. ft.

Setting in district of mixed residential and industrial used

centered around the factory complex

originally built as the James Steam

Mills in 1842.



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 11-04-80

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

This house is an excellent example of the small Greek Revival cottage built in many of Newburyport's neighborhoods during the mid-nineteenth century. This type of dwelling was built extensively between 1840 and 1880. The style persisted quite late because it was an excellent solution to the problems of housing in the neighborhoods adjacent to the textile and shoe factories. This house has simple Greek Revival features including the bold cornice and cornerboards. The doorways are typically Greek Revival in style. The doors are flanked by sidelights and Doric pilasters that support a bold entablature above.

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

In 1851, this house was owned by Thomas Silloway. It is quite possible that Silloway was the original owner of the house. Thomas Silloway was a coppersmith, probably engaged in shipbuilding. His business was located on Elbow Lane in the Market Square commercial district.

Before 1871 the property was conveyed to Philip A. Rogers who owned the property for several decades.

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