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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 14-16 Kent Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Unknown

SKETCH MAP

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 Building Fabric

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

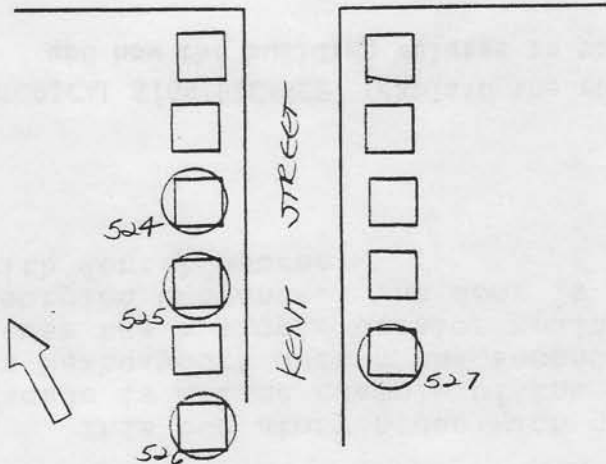
Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)

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

Approx. acreage 4,170 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of eighteenth and nineteenth century dwellings near the banks of the Merrimack River.

MERRIMACK STREET



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 01-04-81

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

This two story house with gambrel roof and symmetrical, five bay facade is a fine example of the Georgian domestic architecture built in Newburyport during the second half of the eighteenth century. The house has a simple cornice moulding and cornerboards. It also has a fine Georgian entrance. The door is flanked by pilasters supporting a pediment with dentil course.

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

The earliest known owner of this house was Captain Thomas Morrison. Morrison probably was a mariner and was in residence in this house in 1851. Prior to 1872 the property was conveyed to Samuel Coggins. Coggins was also a mariner. Also living here in 1872 was Michael Hunter who sold the property to Abbie Gurney.

Like so many of the houses built on the streets extending away from the banks of the Merrimack River. The history of this house is closely tied to the ocean-going trades.

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