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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 20 Charter Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence _____

Present Residence _____

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1900

Source Assessor's Records

Style Queen Anne

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboards, shingles

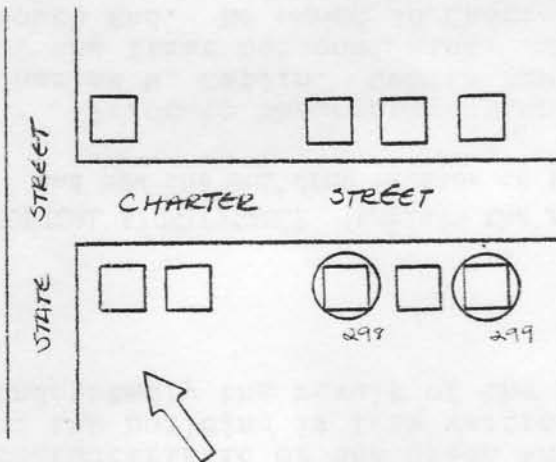
Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 4,060 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area adjacent to the central business district.



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 09-20-80

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

This house is a late example of the Queen Anne style. The variety of surface texture, the complexity of plan produced by the tower and projecting ell, and the small window panes are all characteristic of the Queen Anne period. The overall proportion of the building is less vertical than the Queen Anne period. This is undoubtedly the result of the later period of construction.

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

Prior to the construction of this house, the site was owned by Charles H. Coffin. Coffin lived on High Street and was the president of the first National Bank. Coffin owned numerous properties in the South End. He owned 20 Charter Street until the 1880's. Later the property was sold. The earlier house was demolished and the present house built.

In 1924, this house was owned by Giles Johnson.

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