

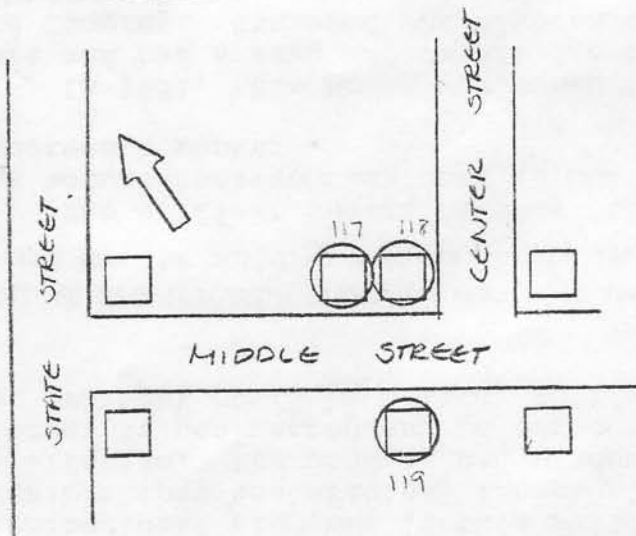
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 21 Middle Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residential/commercial
 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. 1815

Source _____

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) one story addition on Western side (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 4,508 sq. ft.

Setting adjacent to central business district in area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

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

This three story brick Federal building resembles many of the brick buildings built in Market Square following the devastating fire of 1811. It has a three story Federal form with pitched roof. The architectural elements in this building are simple. It is quite possible that the original function of this building was in part utilitarian. The doorway and windows are Federal in style. The doorway is pedimented and is surmounted by a semi-circular fanlight. The pediment could be a later modification.

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 owners of this building have yet to be documented. The actual construction date is unknown but was probably early in the nineteenth century.

In 1851, this house was owned by Atkinson Stanwood. Stanwood lived here and had a soap and candle factory at 22 Liberty Street, A. Stanwood and Company. Stanwood was also part owner of several ships built in Newburyport.

In 1872, the building was owned by Daniel C. Rogers. Rogers was in partnership with John R. Stanwood. Atkinson Stanwood had moved to Boston before this date. Rogers lived at 54 Middle Street, now 64-66 Middle Street. It is quite possible that part of this building was used for the soap and candle business.

Today this building is occupied by apartments and stores.

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