

FORM B - BUILDING

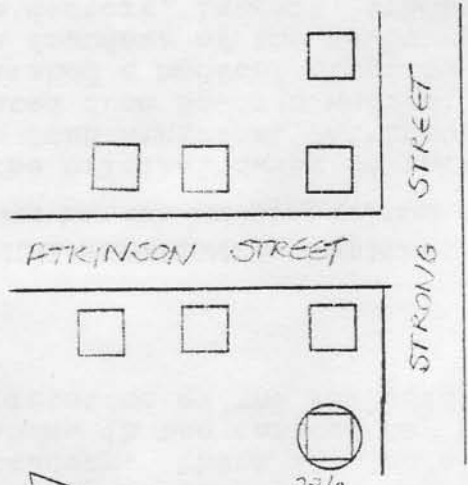
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Boston MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 28 Strong Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type: Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:  
 Date c. 1815  
 Source Building Fabric  
 Style Federal  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) bay window added, addition at side (dates unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 5,500 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area of primarily eighteenth and nineteenth century domestic architecture.

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

This house is a good example of the Federal style as built in Newburyport around the turn of the nineteenth century. The architectural detail in this house is minimal and is concentrated in the front entrance. The doorway is simple but has a semi-elliptical fanlight and sidelights with tracery. There is also a semi-circular fanlight motif carved above the window in the central bay of the second story. This is a vernacular interpretation of the Palladian window seen in the fully developed Federal style.

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

The original owner of this house is not known. In 1830, it was purchased by Dr. John Atkinson. Atkinson was born in Minot, Maine in 1799. He graduated from Bowdoin Medical School in 1823 and shortly thereafter established a medical practice in Newburyport. In 1848, Atkinson was one of the founders of the Newburyport Health Insurance Company established to insure doctors, lawyers, tradesmen and mechanics. Atkinson's second wife was the daughter of Edmund Bartlet, prominent Newburyport merchant. Dr. Atkinson died in 1852.

Prior to 1872, this house was sold to Moses P. Brookings.

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