

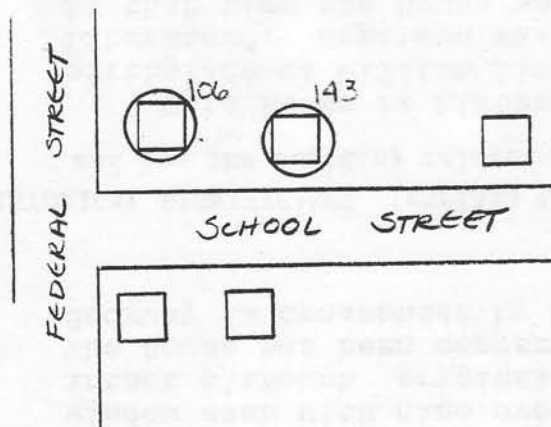
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



SKETCH MAP

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



Newburyport

Address 3-5 School Street

Historic Name William Lloyd Garrison
Birthplace

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date Eighteenth Century

Source Currier, "History of Nbpt."

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Wood shingles

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) exterior shingled, window sash replaced, center chimney removed, front entrance altered, (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 3,950 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area in which eighteenth century single family dwellings predominate. The Old South Church is on the adjacent Federal Street lot.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort

Organization Office of Community

Date 9-29-80

Development

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

This building has been altered extensively since its original construction. A photograph in Currier's History of Newburyport illustrates the original Georgian features of the house. These included a large central chimney in the pitched roof, double hung window sash with nine over nine lights. The five bay facade is still intact although originally the exterior of the house was clapboarded. The house has been converted to a two family residence and the original doorway is ornamented by Victorian brackets.

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

This house is historically significant because it was the birthplace of William Lloyd Garrison, famous publisher of "The Liberator". Garrison was born in this house on December 10, 1805. At that time the house was owned by David Farnham, captain of a vessel in the coasting trade. At the age of thirteen, Garrison was apprenticed to Ephraim W. Allen, editor of the Newburyport Herald and he worked there for several years.

In 1826, Garrison established and published briefly "The Free Press". He found that the paper did not prosper and moved to Boston where he found employment as a journeyman printer. By January 1828, Garrison was the editor of the "The National Philanthropist", devoted to the suppression "of intemperence and its kindred vices". In 1829, Garrison was associated with Benjamin Lundy in the publication of "Genius of Universal Emancipation" in Baltimore. Garrison was convicted and spent forty nine days in jail for publishing alleged libelous statements relating to the transportation of slaves in a vessel owned by Robert Todd, resident of Newburyport.

After his release Garrison returned to Boston and in January, 1831, published the first issue of "The Liberator". His greatest contribution was as anti-slavery reformer.

Garrison visited Newburyport often during his later life and once again set type in the office of the Herald on the sixtieth anniversary of his apprenticeship in 1878.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 143
Property Name: William Lloyd Garrison Birthplace 3-5 School Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

The house was owned by the Horton family between 1850 and 1885 apparently as an investment property.

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