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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Street Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 3-5 Spring Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

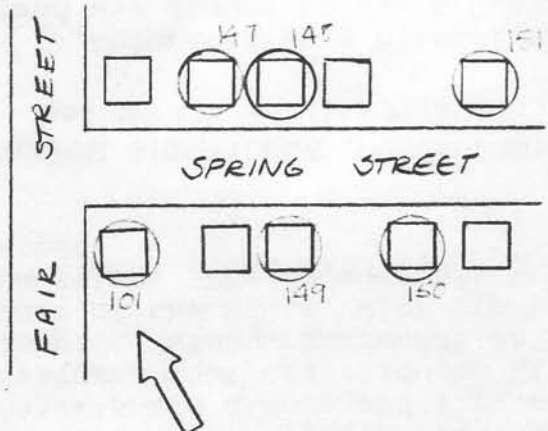
Present Residence

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 Mid-Eighteenth century

Source _____

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos shingles

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) several additions (dates unknown) asbestos shingles applied.

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 11,869 sq. ft.

Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
Organization Office of Community Development
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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 Georgian gambrel roofed houses built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. The architectural details are simple and limited to the doorway and various mouldings. Features that are evidence of the Georgian influence are the classically inspired window surrounds and lintels, the cornice moulding. The overall form of the house, with symmetrical five bay facade, is also typically Georgian. The doorway has been altered and presently Greek Revival in style.

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

According to a historical marker on this house, this lot of land was deeded to Caleb Greenleaf by his grandfather, John Greenleaf, in 1768. In 1786 Samuel Noyes purchased the property and subsequently built this house. In 1789 it was sold to Captain Abraham Wheelwright who lived in the house for a number of years.

In 1851, the house was owned by Eben S. Sweetser. The Sweetser family had a dry goods store at 11 Liberty Street.

Nicholas B. Lake purchased this house before 1872. Lake was also a dry goods dealer. His shop was located at 12 State Street. Lake owned the house for several decades.

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