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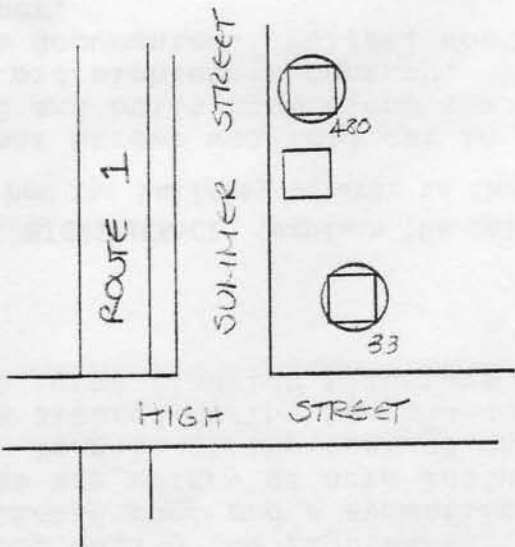
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 31 Summer Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date Eighteenth Century
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) front entrance has been altered (mid-nineteenth century)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Setting in residential area bounded by High Street and Route 1, which replaced the homes on the other side of Summer Street in 1934.

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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 domestic architecture built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. The house is Georgian in style with a pitched roof and a symmetrical five bay facade. Features of the house that are worthy of note include the massive central chimney and the long, low lean-to at the rear of the house. The front entrance of this house was altered during the mid-nineteenth century. It is Greek Revival with sidelights flanking pilasters and bold heavy entablature.

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

Summer Street was laid out in 1766 although house lots had earlier been sold and built upon along the new way. This house was probably built at mid eighteenth century. The earliest owners of this house have yet to be documented. Pulaski Woodman sold the property to William H. Brewster.

William H. Brewster lived in a house at 8 Summer Street, which was demolished before 1934. He may have owned this house as an investment or as the residence of a family member. Brewster was a prominent citizen in Newburyport. He invested in trading vessels. William Brewster was one of several owners of the ship "Crown Point" which was built by John Currier, Jr. in 1856. The vessel was captured by Confederate cruisers in 1863. Its owners later received compensation for their loss under the Alabama claims.

Between 1834 and 1854 Brewster was in partnership with Joseph B. Morss. Morss and Brewster published the Daily Herald and the Semi-Weekly Herald.

This house was owned by Allen Brewster in 1924. The house is being restored by the present owner.

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