

FORM B - BUILDING

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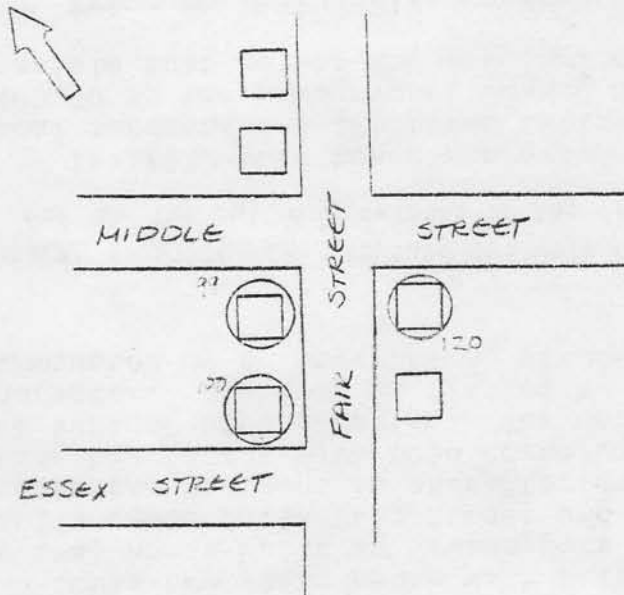


Town Newburyport  
 Address 32 Fair Street  
 Historic Name Titcomb-Jaques House  
 Use: Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                    Private organization  
                    Public  
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1840  
 Source 1851 Map of Newburyport  
 Style Greek Revival  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings Garage



Major alterations (with dates) addition at Northern side (date unknown)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 5,100 sq. ft.

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

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

This two story house with pitched roof is typical of the Greek Revival homes built in Newburyport during the 1840's and 1850's. The roof's gable faces Fair Street and the continuous cornice helps to create the pediment so characteristic of the Greek Revival style. The three bay facade with bold cornerboards and wide fascia in the cornice are typical of the period. The doorway also retains its original Greek character. The door is flanked by sidelights and Doric pilasters and is surmounted by a large oblong window and a 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)

In 1851, this house was owned by B. B. Titcomb. Titcomb was a local merchant and important citizen. In 1857, Titcomb donated \$400.00 to the Newburyport Howard Benevolent Society. It is quite possible that he was the original owner of this house.

Prior to 1872, this property was conveyed to Benjamin H. Jaques. Jaques is listed in the city directory of that year as a soap manufacturer. His business was located at 20 Liberty Street. Jaques also had other business interests including a part ownership of the Schooner "Freemont", built in Newburyport in 1846.

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