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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 35-37 Purchase Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

Present Residence

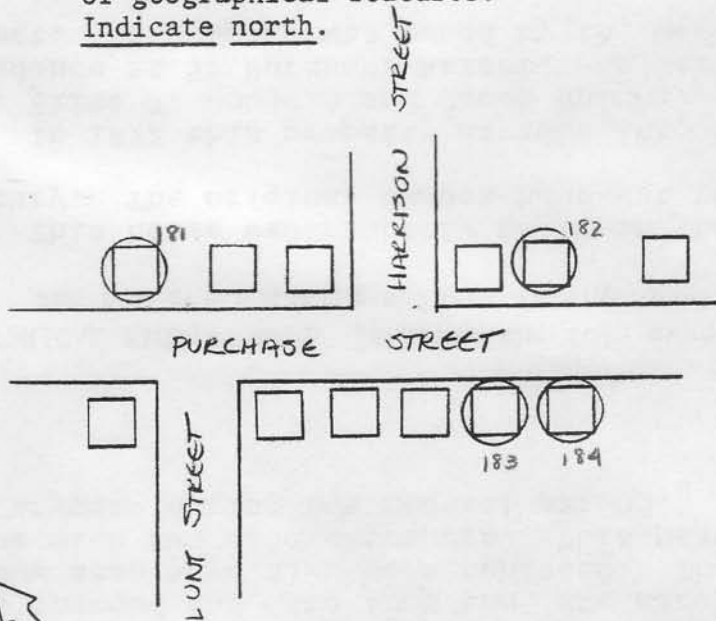
Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

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 c. 1810

Source building fabric

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) entrance have been altered, window sash has been replaced.

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 16,940 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of predominantly eighteenth century single family dwellings adjacent to the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 11-8-80

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

This house retains its three story Federal form with hipped roof and decreasing window size in the upper stories. The doorways, however, have been changed and date from the late nineteenth century. The cornice and window sash have also been replaced. This house was built as a double house with two side entrances. This practice was quite common in Newburyport during the Federal period.

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 was probably built in the early years of the nineteenth century. The original owners have yet to be documented.

In 1872 this property divided into two parcels, was owned by Mrs. Eliza J. Goodwin and Jacob Knight. Isaac S. Goodwin was also in residence at 35 Purchase Street. He was a clerk working at 18 Water Street. This house was owned by the Goodwin family until 1911.

Jacob Knight, the owner of 33 Purchase Street, was a shoemaker. Also living in the house in 1872 was Thomas Knight, mariner. This property was passed on to Knight's daughter Sarah C. Badger. The property was in the Knight family until 1936.

Today this building is divided into apartments.

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