

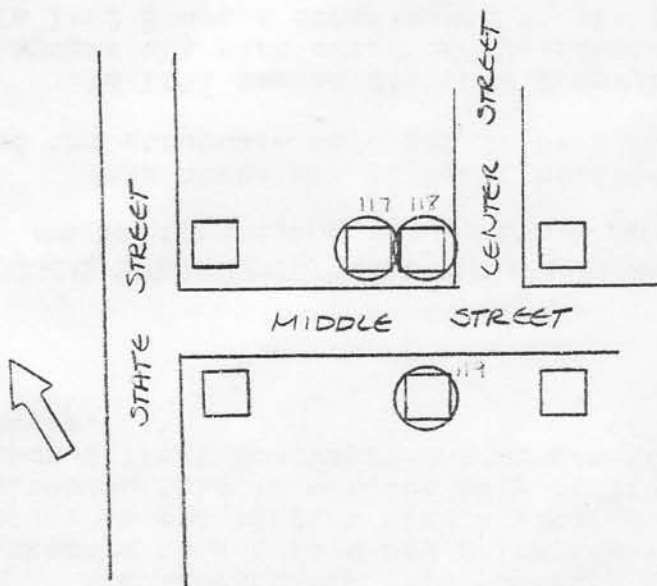
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 36-38 Middle Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use: 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 c. 1815  
 Source \_\_\_\_\_  
 Style Federal  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Brick  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) wooden  
 additions at rear (dates unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 3,752 sq. ft.  
 Setting adjacent to central business  
district in area in which the  
predominant building type is that of  
eighteenth century, single family  
dwellings.

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 Organization Office of Community  
Development  
 Date 09-20-80

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

Architecturally this building is of interest because it was once attached to a twelve bay brick row which has been destroyed. The house is two stories with a pitched roof. It is Federal in style although this is evident only in the splayed window lintels and the arched front doorway. The wooden cornice is simple yet Federal 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)

This house was probably built about 1815. The earliest owners of the structure have yet to be documented.

In 1851 Samuel Stevens, a merchant, was the owner of this house. Stevens was part owner of the steamer, "C. B. Stevens" built in 1851. In 1863 Stevens contributed to the public library fund. He moved to Boston about 1863.

By 1872 the house had been sold to Rufus Cook. He and his wife owned the house for several decades. In 1924, Marcia L. Field, a shoemaker, owned and occupied 36 Middle Street. This house is still a single family residence.

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