

FORM B - BUILDING

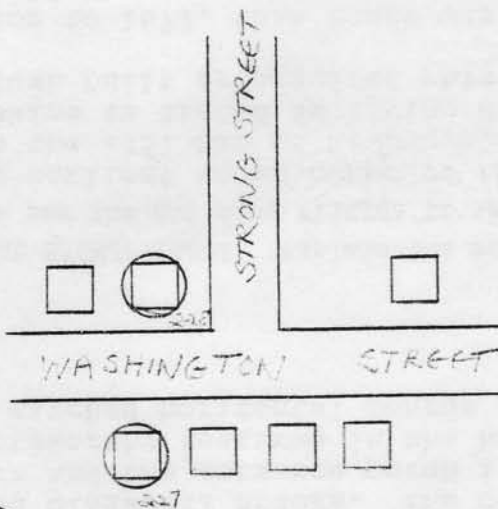
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport  
 Address 44 Washington Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 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. 1850  
 Source 1851 Map of Newburyport  
 Style Greek Revival  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 4,270 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area of primarily eighteenth and nineteenth century dwellings.

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

This two and a half story house with pitched roof is exceptional as it is one of only a few Greek Revival homes in the city that has fully developed classical orders. The cornerboards in this house are Greek Ionic pilasters and the entrance porch is supported by fluted Ionic columns. Other noteworthy features in the house are the bold treatment of the cornice and the matched horizontal boards within the roof's gable.

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

The earliest known owner of this house is Joseph T. Haskins who is noted on the 1851 Map of Newburyport. In the City Directory for that year Haskins is listed as living at 23 Strong Street. It is possible that he had just built or acquired this house.

Prior to 1872, this house was sold to Edward S. Toppan. In 1873, Toppan sold the property to Renton Perley. Perley was a wholesale liquor dealer with a business at 75 Merrimac Street. Perley owned this dwelling until 1914 when it was conveyed to Blanche Harriman, Caroline Smith, and Josephine Fernald.

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