

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

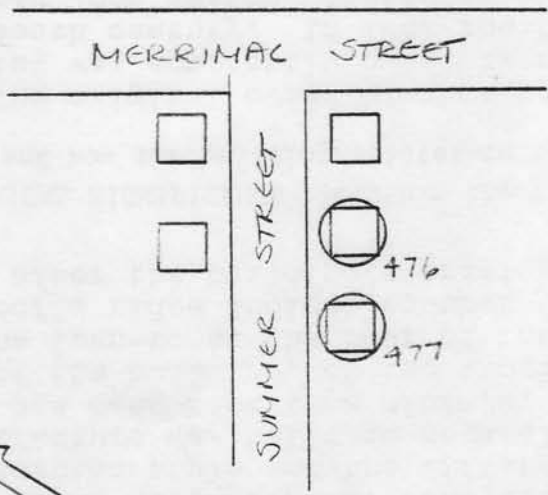
MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 5-7 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Style Georgian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) front entrance has been altered (date unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 2,480 sq. ft.  
 Setting adjacent to Merrimac Street and the banks of the Merrimack River.  
The homes on the other side of Summer Street were replaced by Route 1 in 1934.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt  
 Organization Office of Community Development  
 Date 11-28-80

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

This building is vernacular in style as were many of those in the surrounding neighborhood. The assymetrical facade is clearly influenced by the Georgian style and the difference in window spacing might indicate that the structure was built in several phases. The architectural detail in the house has been kept to a minimum. Interesting features include the overall form of the building, of two stories with pitched roof and six bay facade and the lean-to at the rear of the house. The roof line is continuous from the roof's ridge indicating that the roofline was raised if the lean-to was added after the building's original construction.

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

The original owner of this building has not yet been documented. The building was apparently owned as an investment property during the nineteenth century. In 1851 the house was owned by J. Horton. This was possibly John Horton, listed as a shoemaker in the 1851 City Directory. He lived at 20 Market Street and owned several other parcels of land in the neighborhood.

Prior to 1872 this property was sold. The 1872 Map of Newburyport notes the owner simply as W.H.B. William H. Brewster, publisher of the "Evening Traveler" lived across the street at 8 Summer Street. Brewster owned several other homes on Summer Street and he was probably the owner of this house as well.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Assessor's Records 1890-1980  
1851 Plan of Newburyport, Mass. H. McIntire  
1872 Map of the City of Newburyport, Mass. D. G. Beers and Co.  
1851, 1872 City Directories.