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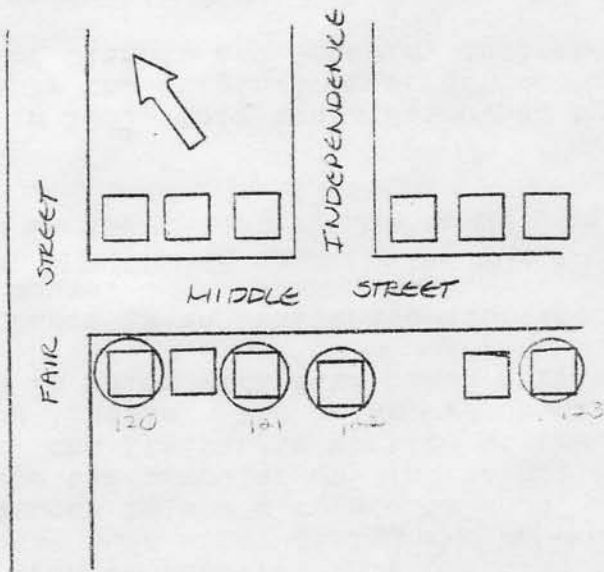


Newburyport
70 Middle Street
 Historic Name Goodwin-Barrett House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Eben P. Goodwin

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 Italianate
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) front entrance altered (date unknown), structural supports added (1960's)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 6,454 sq. ft.
 Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.



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

Architecturally, this building is worthy of note because it is the only such brick Italianate home in Newburyport. Other Italianate residences in the city are of wood. Significant architectural features include the circular bay in the building's facade, the overhanging eaves, the Italianate portico at the front entrance, and the Italianate window lintels. The house was originally painted and until recently was beige in color with dark brown trim.

There is an Italianate cast iron fence still in place in front of this house.

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 Eben P. Goodwin. Goodwin was probably the original owner of the house. He was a partner in the firm of Clannin and Goodwin, sailmakers, located on Wood's Wharf.

Goodwin's firm was responsible for making the sails for many of the ships built on the banks of the Merrimack River. These included the schooner "Envoy" built in 1863. Goodwin was in business until at least 1868.

Before 1872 the house at 70 Middle Street was sold to John R Stanwood of A. Stanwood and Company located at 19 Liberty Street. This was a soap and candle making concern. Stanwood was also part owner of the ship "Amazonian", built in Newburyport.

In 1884, the house was owned by a Mr. Rogers and by 1924 the house had been conveyed to Ellen Barrett. The house stayed in the Barrett family until recently.

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