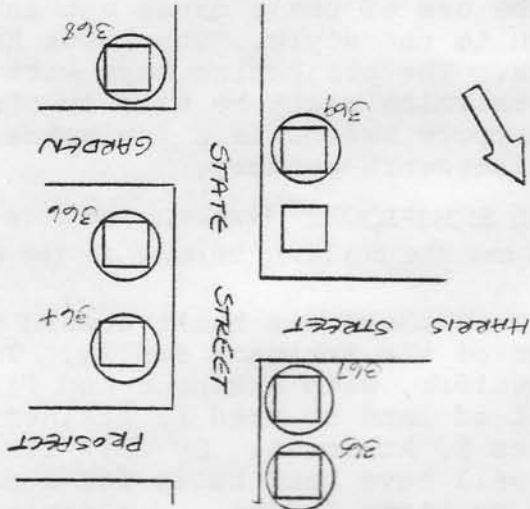




Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1885

Source Atlas of Essex County, 1

Style Queen Anne

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards and shingles

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) Doorway

altered, porch added (dates unknown)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 6,670 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area adjacent

to the central business district of

Newburyport's main street.

Date 6-30-80

Organization Office of Community Development

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirling

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This house is a good example of the Queen Anne style in the vernacular. Although the detail of the house is simple, several of its features are typically Queen Anne. These include the irregularity of massing and variety of surface textures. The windows vary in style and the use of small panes set in wooden sash around a larger pane are common to the style. The house has multiple roofs meeting at right angles. The projecting bays with gable roofs help create the effect of turrets which might be used in the high style Queen Anne house. Newburyport has quite a few homes in this style, built at the end of the nineteenth century.

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 built toward the end of the nineteenth century by a member of the Atkinson family. In 1883, Benjamin T. Atkinson, a shipbuilder, with Atkinson and Fillmore on Currier's Wharf, sold a parcel of land to Fred L. Atkinson. In 1891, the property was sold to Charles E. Atkinson. By this time, the house had been built. It could very well have been built for a member of the family. The Atkinson's lived on State Street, adjacent to Garden Street. In 1920 Eugene Atkinson was living at 97 State Street.

The Atkinson family has been very prominent in Newburyport. They have had a coal and wood dealership, Atkinson Coal Company, on Water Street, for over one hundred years.

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