

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	AME.471
Historic Name:	Todd, Frank P. House
Common Name:	
Address:	14 Maple St
City/Town:	Amesbury
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1880
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne; Stick Style;
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture;
Area(s):	AME.J
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard;
Demolished	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AME.471

AREA

FORM NO.

471

Amesbury

Address 14 Maple Street

Historic Name Frank P. Todd House

Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

ca. 1880

Source Visual + 1890 Map

Style Queen Anne

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings

Major Alterations (with dates) 2 rear ells,
1980's 2 picture windows, original staircase
to tower removed

Condition Good

Moved no Date

Acres Less than one acre

Setting Located in late 19th century

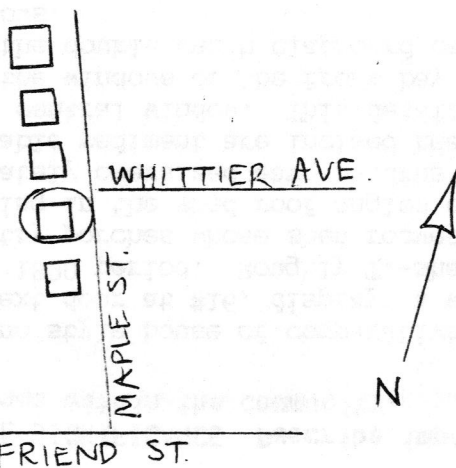
streetscape of residential dwellings.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/William Young

Organization Preservation Plus Inc.

Date March 1989

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location
in relation to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate all buildings
between inventoried property and nearest
intersection(s).
Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

A Queen Anne style house of comparatively modest size, 14 Maple Street, together with its twin next door at #16, displays a wealth of inventive ornamentation characteristic of the ca. 1890 period. Roughly T.-shape in plan its cross gable facade is flanked by side entry porches whose shed rooves match that of the square central bay. Incised fan detailing in the shed roof angles echo verge board cross members, deep cornice, and elaborately oversized eave returns with diminutive brackets on gable ends. Also, in gable pediment are incised beaded match boards in paired diamond configurations flanking a central window. This detail complements the multipaned Queen Anne upper sashes of the windows of the front bay and side staircase hall. An additional side detail is the double depth clapboard casing above ground floor and below second floor windows.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

14 Maple Street is one of a pair of houses in the Queen Anne style built between 1884, at which date they are not included in the Essex County Atlas, and 1890, when they are depicted in the Bird's Eye View. The 1891 Amesbury Directory lists Frank P. Todd, car builder, as its owner; as the 1889 directory gives Todd's address as 4 Whitehall Road, it is possible that the house was actually built in 1890. Laid out ca. 1874, Maple Street was first built up with late Italianate style houses on large lots, possibly indicating that their owners were at least secondarily farmers. #14 and its twin at # 16, on more conventionally sized residential lots, likely represented a new type of land use on Maple Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1890 Noted on Bird's Eye View