

Address 38 Marcy St cor. Court St.
 New tax map(1979)U4 lot9 size 5773
 Old tax map 10 lot 51 size

Owner Dale, Thomas
 Address same

Location of legal description:
 Rockingham County Registry of Deeds
 Hampton Road; Exeter, New Hampshire
 03833

Representation in existing surveys:
 HABS NR NHL
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Date c.1730
 Source: Estimate Other:

Historic name The Oracle House
 Common name _____
 Original owner Richard Wibird
 Architect/bldr. (Howells speculates Wibird built soon after 1709 when lot acquired)
 Functional type house
 Present use, if different restaurant
 Moved twice Date c.1800,1937
 Altered Date _____

Effect: Focal Contributing
 non-contributing Intrusion

Photo roll _____ no. _____
 Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates
 Description _____
 Date taken _____ by _____

1. Style Georgian No. of stories 2 1/2 No. of bays 5x2
2. Overall plan: Rectangle along street, lower ell behind.
Rubble
3. Foundation: Brick Stone Poured concrete Concrete block
Artificial stone Other
4. Wall structure: Woodframe Brick Stone Other
 If wood: Post and beam Balloon frame
5. Wall covering: Clapboard Wood shingle Flushboard Imitation ashlar
Brick Stone Stucco Composition board Aluminum Vinyl
Sheet metal Asphalt shingles Other
6. Roof: Gable Hip Shed Mansard Flat Gambrel Other
7. Specific features (location, no., appearance of porches, windows, doors, chimnies, dormers, ells/wings--see also description), decorative elements:
1 1/2-story gambrel-roofed ell in center of rear-gable roofed dormer on each side, central chimney. 6/6 sash-taller 1st story windows.
8. Outbuildings:
Cove window head moldings 1st story.
Latticework side yard enclosure left of house (modern).

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DESCRIPTION:

2 1/2-story gambrel-roofed Georgian house with central chimney. Slate roof. Lower second story. 2-story gambrel-roofed ell (with gable-roofed dormer on each side) in center of rear. 5-bay facade with center door. Door surround consists of projecting cornice, full entablature, Tuscan pilasters, rectangular 3-light transom light. 6/6 sash 1st, 2nd stories. 1st story windowheads have cove molding. Wooden spindle Colonial Revival fence on brick wall with slate parapet.

Howells: The house formerly stood on lot no. 1 of Glebe lands, directly behind the North Church, and was moved to Haymarket Square c.1800. It is known as the Oracle House because the Oracle of the Day was published here by Charles Peirce in 1793. It was moved to its present location (as part of the Prescott Park development) in 1937.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Home of the first daily newspaper in New Hampshire this early Georgian house is representative of many Portsmouth houses in having been moved, in this case twice, and each time to areas of significant development at the time. It was built originally as the result of subdivision of the Glebe lands.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Howells, fig. 232: House at Haymarket Square, before it was moved to present site.
Gurney, 131, 132A (photograph of house in Haymarket Square)

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Here is an army of German-trained Chinese soldiers going to the aid of the troops who attacked Japanese forces at Loukouchiao. This picture was taken near the Great Wall, north of Peiping.

CONGRESS MAY BE ABLE TO ADJOURN BY AUGUST 21st

Senate Helps Along Cause Of Early Adjournment By Agreement On Sugar Control Bill

(By Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 10.—Adjournment of Congress by Aug. 21 depended today on the ability of leaders to cram as many major bills through the House in two weeks as in the last seven months. The Senate, keeping busy with minor important measures helped along the cause of early adjournment when its finance committee virtually agreed on provisions of a sugar control bill. Chairman Harrison, Dem., Miss., made a date to discuss the measure with the President, who has threatened to veto it unless restrictions on imports of refined sugar from Hawaii and Porto Rico are listed. .Except for one minor point, which

Senator McCarran, Dem., Nev., predicted would be disposed of quickly, Senate and House conferees were in complete harmony on the lower court procedure bill. It may go to the White House this week. General wage-hour legislation still are trouble spots. More than a score of Farm Belt congressmen remained insistent that Congress stay in session until it enacts a farm bill. A decision of Senate and House leaders, however, to give the bill priority at the next session in January probably is going to prevail. The House, probably, will begin debate on the wage and hour bill Thursday, with a final vote before the end of the week.

LOCAL YACHT CLUB VOTES TO MOVE TO NEW CASTLE

ORACLE HOUSE BEING MOVED

Historical Building To Be Taken To Marcy Street

The "Oracle" House at the north-west corner of Court and Middle streets, at No. 2 Court street, is being moved to a new location on Marcy street. Laurence Ellis, moving contractor for the Marshall Const. Co., plans to have the house moved to the new location in about four days. The building is being moved from land recently acquired by the Railway Mail Association. The Oracle House has figured prominently in history of the Colonies and of Portsmouth. The small gambrel-roof building stood south of the North Church within hearing distance of where the Declaration of Independence was read by Sheriff Packer. From its first site near the North Church the historic building was moved to No. 2 Court street. It was in this building that the Oracle of the Day was printed by Charles Pelce. The publication was in some respects similar to Benjamin Franklin's original Saturday Evening Post. The first number of it was published in 1793.

SAILING RACES IN LOCAL HARBOR

Thirteen sailing craft competed in Sunday afternoon's races off the local harbor under the auspices of the Great Island Boat Club of New Castle, with many more pleasure craft standing by, their crews witnessing the interesting contests. Other interested in this sport watched the races from points along the shore. The wind was puffy and variable. Earl Colbeth was the winner in the O-Class race, leading Edmund O. Tarbell, 2nd, over the line by the narrow margin of five seconds. In the Class 1 race Harold Batchelder won first place, with Robert Boyd nosing out Gardner Witham for second place by 30 seconds. James Humphries was the winner in Class 2, with Charles Prohaska in second place.

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(By Associated Chinese defenders of Great Wall of China tool today at Nankow Pass, west of Peiping, in a de- to stem the tide of Japa- ing toward the yet unc- lances of Chahar and Su- sources reported a Japa- ment had been wiped 5000 Japanese troops moving against the pa- Chahar. As tension ended in the south, where the k- anese naval officer and brought grave appreh- preservation of peace, to settle by diplomati- dent. The Japanese an-

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Members of the 19- NHNG, at Rye Beach today to wind up their camp tomorrow, as changed at the last ment will leave tomo a four-day hike through North Cony Lancaster. Favored by a succ weather, which termi fog and a brief thun- broke early in the Coast Artillery (AA) in review yesterday Gov. Francis P. councilors, Adj.-G- Howard, and the mil- chief executive. In the official pa- troops besides the go- Gen. Howard were

no longer extant - corner of Court & Marcy streets (torn down 1937) now the location of Oracle House

Marcy / Water Street



← Court St →