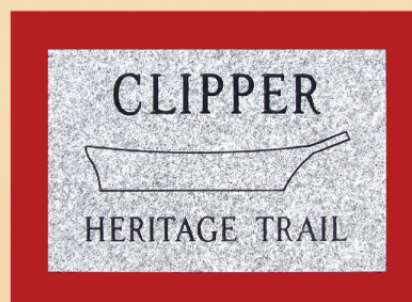


- ① Great Fire of 1811 (grey shaded area)
- ② Newburyport Marine Society, founded in 1772
- ③ Location of Fowle's News, established 1852; recently closed in 2012
- ④ Location of silversmith shop of Joseph Moulton IV (1814-1903)
- ⑤ Threadneedle Alley and location of Wolfe's Tavern
- ⑥ Newburyport Five Cents Bank was incorporated in 1854
- ⑦ Tracy Mansion built in 1771 by Patrick Tracy (1711-1789)
- ⑧ Institution for Savings Bank, established in 1820
- ⑨ The Dalton House built in 1746 by Michael Dalton (1709-1770)

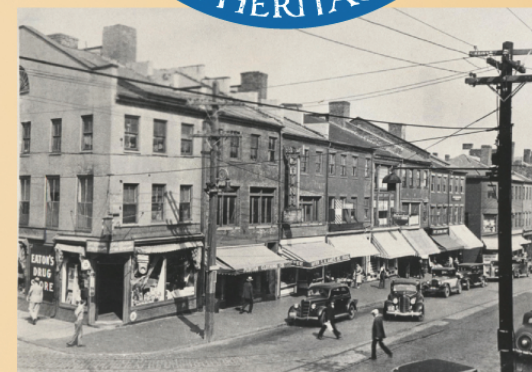


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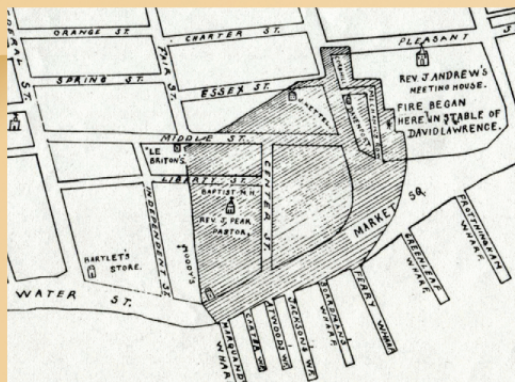


## DOWNTOWN - UPTOWN STATE STREET

*Meander up State Street and learn about the Great Fire of 1811, and stroll by Threadneedle Alley, home of the Wolfe Tavern in 1762. Visit Tracy Mansion and wander by the old brick building that was home to the Marine Society, where old sea captains once reminisced of their days sailing around the world.*



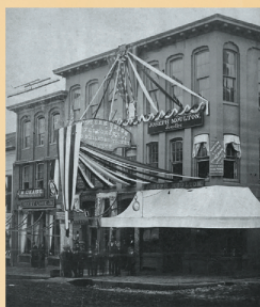
① **Great Fire of 1811.** A livery stable on Inn Street, known then as Mechanics Row, was engulfed in flames on May 31, and by the early morning hours over sixteen acres had been destroyed. Nearly 250 shops and homes were in ruins in the downtown area. After the fire, brick became the material of choice, and the structures still standing today were completed by the 1820s.



② The **Newburyport Marine Society** was founded in 1772, and the organization purchased the building to create a museum. The purpose of the society was “to improve knowledge of the coastline through observations and communication and to raise a common fund for the relief of members and families living in poverty.”

③ **Fowle's News.** A downtown institution established in 1852 by Stephen and Hannah Fowle, the store, number 17, was later owned by Armenian Nicholas Arakelian. In the 1890s the Arakelians escaped the Turkish oppression and arrived in

Newburyport to begin a new life. Mr. Arakelian created a foundation in his wife's name, Mary Alice, and the Arakelian Foundation continues to generously give to local organizations. Fowles closed in 2012.



father, and later began Towle Manufacturing on Merrimac Street.

#### ⑤ **Threadneedle Alley.**

William Davenport (1715-1773) came to Newbury about 1738. He was a woodcarver by trade and purchased land in 1743, in the area later known as Threadneedle Alley and Mechanics Row. In 1762, he opened Wolfe Tavern, a popular place known for its comfort and good suppers, and for the latest local and national news. The Wolfe Tavern was the headquarters for the Eastern Stage Company, where the stagecoach stopped on its way north to New Hampshire and Maine or south to Boston.



⑥ The **Newburyport Five Cents Bank** was incorporated in 1854. In 1873, a new bank building was completed, and it is the only example of High Victorian Gothic commercial architecture in town. The Five Cents Bank moved to its present location across the street in 1927. The bank's Charitable Foundation donates generously to local organizations.

⑦ Born in Ireland, **Patrick Tracy** (1711-1789) was a sea captain, ship owner and wealthy merchant. He built the Tracy Mansion for his son Nathaniel (1751-1796). During the Revolutionary War Nathaniel Tracy fitted out a fleet of over twenty privateers to assist in the War of Independence, capturing over 120 vessels. The mansion later



became the Newburyport Public Library, which the structure still serves as today, with additions.

⑧ The third bank in the United States to be incorporated was the “**Institution for Savings Bank** in Newburyport and Its Vicinity” on January 31, 1820. The Italianate structure was built in 1871 by Rufus Sargent (1812-1886), a local architect whose office was a few yards away on Harris Street. Local organizations have received numerous donations from the bank's Charitable Foundation.

⑨ **Michael Dalton** (1709-1770) became a successful merchant and in 1746, built the Dalton House for his family. His son, Tristram, was one of the first two elected senators to the first congress in Massachusetts. As many earlier residents, the Dalton family owned slaves and servants Fortune and Flora are buried in Old Hill Burying Ground. The private Dalton Club was established over 100 years ago and is still active.